

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

June 2, 2026

Unapproved

Board members present: Carin McCarthy, Eric Cota, David Schmidt, Koran Cousino, Tony Porter

Visitors: Dave Russell, Michael Miller

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:39p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: None.

Public comment: None.

Koran C. to reach out to the Energy Committee Candidate for an interview at the next meeting.

Development abutting town land

1. Dave Russell returned to the SB with questions about water requirements for future development of site abutting former dump on town own land, including 3 potential wells connecting south of the stream. Koran C. suggested the Town seek legal counsel for advice and make the agreement with Dave Russell clear.
2. Upcoming DRB Hearing – communicate with Steve/Amy to verify why the Selectboard got a notice and if there is any action to be taken.

Capital Maintenance Planning

1. Town Office Weatherization – no updates
2. Town Office Painting – review bids – moved to next agenda

Road Event - Aliza Lapierre Fan Club Trail Race, Richmond Trail Running Club (event proposed 7/18) Ben Feinson, Co-Director. Expecting 25-30 runners between Huntington and Carse Hills, Big Hollow Rd. Signage and communication. Should be complete by 8:30am.

- Follow up with Michelle to see if any problem dogs on the trail.
- Check with road crew regarding anticipated road work on site.
- Notify first responders.

Foreman Update – reschedule to next week

- Tyler Bridge Road paving is completed.
- Crushing will not take place this year
- Security cameras will be implemented ASAP
- Created site map to visit during road tour

- We have Grants in Aid money for ditching - that needs to be finalized by September, and reviewing segments with Regional Planning
- Is the tablet available for completing road segment reports?
- Tony will review year-end highway budget and determine what we have in the budget for Guard Rails – pursue for Dan Sargent Road

Bylaws

- Next week, invite Dan Kuzio to discuss interim River Corridor Protection

Town Office Updates

- Budget Update – Plan for End of Fiscal Year, Transition to Biweekly payroll
 - Koran C. will reach out to Treasurer Ali T.
- Ongoing Projects:
 - Jerusalem Center Project – Abatement has begun, firetruck has been moved
 - Exterior color selection – Ash gray exterior walls and corner trim, Charcoal Gray roof, Charcoal gray doors, windows and trim, White on east wall above doors / in the gable where the fire station sign is, Eave trim Charcoal Gray, Soffit white, Fire station sign in red lettering, window mullions and muntins in black
 - FEMA PA & FEMA Buyouts
- Completion of Employee Reviews & Raises -

Review warrants for A/P and payroll *

- Food shelf reimbursement – remind the food shelf reimbursement needs to be made within 30 days

Motion: Tony P motioned to accept the warrants for A/P & payroll. David S seconded. Approved unanimously.

Review minutes of 5/19 *

Motion: David S. motioned to approve the minutes of 5/19. Tony P. seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mail

- State Prison Hollow Ext resident complained of unauthorized vehicles parking at turnaround site.
- Question about maintenance of the bridge on States Prison Hollow Ext Road. If FEMA buyouts happen, bridge by Hansen farm is only access to that land.

Roundtable

- 250th Tony - trying to determine best night to do a fire dept demo, Selectboard involvement at community events
- Fire department recruitment – recruit cadets after the jaws of life demo at Mt Abe

- Tony met with Dave Rousseau re: Capital planning. Discussed future needs and timeline to proactively order machines before needed. Town equipment report needs to be updated:
 - No longer have: 2012 Mac dump truck, 2013 John Deere Grader
 - May need to replace vehicles: loader hasn't been replaced, 2017 truck should be up for trade in
 - Recommend delay of tractor replacement in favor of pick-up truck
- Security Cameras – night view, solar with back up battery
- Amazon Account access – Carin will ask Amanda about amazon purchase process and access to make requests/orders.
- Accessible pathway to Town Office and Library - seeking bids for project.
- We did receive the insurance money from the garage kitchen fire last year – seeking recommendations on repair work. Koran will follow up with contractor on insurance company response.
- Dog bite hearing follow-up / communication. Attorney is working on response. Carin will respond to claimant.

Motion: 7:30pm Carin M. motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(3) re: personnel & 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(F) attorney client privilege. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to exit executive session. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

Eric C. to follow up with contract and ask Amy to update contract and benefits package, then Eric will follow up with the candidate.

Motion: Eric C. moved to adjourn. Second by David S. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator