

## Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

June 17, 2025

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

**Board members absent:** Koran Cousino, Tony Porter

**Others present:** Lisa Daudon, Denny Casey

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Eric Cota called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

**Review agenda:** Financial review and driveway permit will be removed from the agenda.

**Public comment:** No public comment.

**Town Parking Lot:** The Selectboard discussed Keegan's notes. Eric Cota stated the next steps were to get pricing for this project and see what funds the meetinghouse has available.

**Action:** Eric Cota to reach out to Keegan to let him know he can get a quote for pavement removal.

**Action:** Eric Cota to get an estimate to put in a driveway in the new location.

Denny Casey noted that the grading has to be done a specific way for run off. It's unclear if we need a stormwater permit. Denny Casey stated that he didn't think the town should move forward with the town parking lot project due to high costs.

### Current Business:

**Energy Committee:** Richard Fasey and Lisa Daudon provided a quote for a new fridge and freezer for the food shelf to be reimbursed by MERP Grant funds.

**Motion:** Carin McCarthy motioned to accept the quote from Singer Kittridge to purchase a refrigerator and freezer, along with removal of existing units for the food shelf building for an amount to not exceed \$8,500. David Schmidt second. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Carin McCarthy motioned to increase the EV charging rate to \$1.75 per hour to account for the increased cost of electricity and to make our rates comparable to area providers. David Schmidt second.

Eric Cota suggested \$2 to \$2.50/hour to also cover maintenance costs.

Motion carried at \$1.75 per hour.

**Action:** Amanda Vincent to change the charging rate to \$1.75/hour.

**Jerusalem Community Center Project:** The Town has submitted a grant application for the Walter Cerf Grant for \$25,000.

Carin McCarthy noted that the DRB decision for the Jerusalem Community Center Project back in February of 2023 may require an extension.

#### **Capital Improvements/Maintenance:**

**Motion:** David Schmidt motioned to accept the 2 bids from Friend Construction for the Food Shelf Roof and Town Office Roof for the amount of \$13,888 and \$2,000. Carin McCarthy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** David Schmidt motioned to approve AP and Payroll. Eric Cota second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Carin McCarthy motioned to accept the minutes from the two meetings held on 6/17 meeting. David Schmidt second. Motion approved unanimously.

The Schoolboard members along with Herb Olson, Nancy Cornell and Carin McCarthy have been meeting to discuss the differences between a supervisory district and a supervisory union and how Starksboro can maintain a voice in the conversation around education funding.

**Motion:** Carin McCarthy moved to adjourn. Second by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator