

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes of 8/4/22  
Unapproved

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**Board members present:** Nancy Boss, Eric Cota, John Painter, Koran Cousino  
**Unable to attend:** Carin McCarthy  
**Others present:** Rebecca Elder, Josh Martell

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Koran Cousino at the Town Clerk's office and via Zoom.

**Addition/changes:**

None

This emergency meeting was called to hear the report on the town's grader, which is broken, was in for repairs, and has now been assessed for overall status.

It is a 2011 machine and was slated for replacement within the next 3 years. It has 4500 hours on it (replace no later than 8000). There has been inadequate service done in the past and major issues have appears in the swing gears, brakes, internal rear end, in addition to replacement of hydraulic fluid.

Josh collected information on repairs vs. replacement. Work is needed now on the town roads so a grader must be rented for the short term. Rental cost is +/- \$12K/month. Replacement cost \$\$420K.

More preventative maintenance is needed. Carin asked if Josh has systems to put in place to ensure all town equipment is maintained property and on schedule going forward. He stated he is implementing tracking system for all machines. Much of the maintenance he can perform on site for standard items.

**Motion:** Nancy Boss moved to authorize necessary repairs and maintenance not to exceed \$15,000. Eric Cota second.

**Vote:** Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Nancy Boss moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Eric Cota second.

**Vote:** Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder  
SB Assistant