

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Kerry Kurt, Melissa Westland

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

**Minutes:** P. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. M. Norris seconded. Voted and approved.

**Bills:** M. Norris moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

**New Business:** The Selectboard discussed whether to ask for bids for ongoing testing at the closed landfill. S. Jefferies will ask for bids from at least three companies.

**Visitor's Business:**

- **Purchase and Sale of Land at the Starksboro Gravel Pit** – Kerry Kurt read a statement regarding the long term needs for the success of her farming business. Her requirements include a right of way to use the town road from Rte. 116 past the fire station on an ongoing basis. She would use the road to bring in a mobile slaughtering station, and to bring multiple horse trailers to her farm for events. Access would be required year round. She also noted that other nearby landowners have used town property for lengthy periods of time with town permission.

K. Kurt also noted that she measured the distance from the wetlands stakes and believes that the garage would only have to move 8' to the north, not the 50' recommended by the engineering firm hired by Starksboro to plan the garage site.

M. Norris said that the purchase/sale agreement and the construction of the garage were two separate transactions. S. Jefferies said that she believes it would be in the best interest of the town to separate the operations of the farm and the town garage/gravel pit. In order to accomplish that separation, S. Jefferies recommended that the town construct a road adequate for basic farm equipment on the land to be purchased by the farm, and that the farm not have an access right of way on town property.

An executive session will be scheduled for the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the purchase/sale offer.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- 6:00 – AllEarth Renewables re power purchase agreement and solar trackers
- 6:30 – Executive session to discuss purchase/sale of land at the town gravel pit

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies