

Select Board Meeting  
April 16, 2026

Present: Danny, Denise, David, Krista, Janet, Don Capponcelli, April Lyman, Christian Rogerson, Sherry Maher, Matt Perry, Amber Stevens, FACT TV

Called to order 7:04pm

Adjustments to the agenda: Executive session for legal matter. Amber asks to move Don up.

Minutes: they will be on soon. Amber is doing them.

**Road and Salt**

Matt Perry gives update. Everything is looking good. Spoke with Marc Pickering re: using certain grants for work near O'Connor's. Marc said we should talk to landowner re: working on that area. May be able to put in for Better Backroad grant. Waiting to hear from Better Back Roads. Denise asked to get photos along the way. We have an iPad, if we can get that set up, state and Windham Regional will help us set up their programs. Jeff Newton will help set things up. Still have ditching to do. Discussed future projects that need to be done. We are up for a paving grant in the next 2 years. Discussion of asphalt prices. Amber said if Matt measures the sections that Matt wants to pave, Amber has a cheat sheet to use to calculate prices. Discussion of projects.

Danny mentioned that Tom Hutchins called him re: a culvert. Discussion about this.

Danny shows timecards in Grafton due to FEMA events. Danny thinks it would be easier than what they use now. This would count as for flood stuff for FEMA. Discussion about the forms. Danny said that Windham Regional may have the program it syncs with.

Matt said state recommend that we get locked in salt prices. Matt spoke to a company that said they don't provide locked in prices.

**Public Comments**

None

**Garage Project/Community Center Project**

Krista tells Don that Amber is doing minutes this month, so to submit written report to Amber.

Don goes through his report. He will submit a written report to Amber which will be attached hereto.

David asks Don what he seems coming up in the next few weeks, discussion about upcoming items.

Danny talked about looking into items with the Town Office.

Amber said she brought a dehumidifier from home, and we are filling it every 2 days and it's full. So we are getting a lot of moisture out of the vault room at the town office.

## **Boards & Officials**

Amber: For treasurer report, items are way out of whack because she put contractor stuff for mud season under subcontractors, didn't know it went under materials.

Amber was able to reconcile with NMRIC

Registered 59 dogs. Denise asked if Grafton is okay with Athens residents going to Grafton for rabies vaccine.

Complaints about dogs. Dogs running amuck. Krista asks how much a contract is with Windham County Humane Society. We don't have an animal control contract. David will call the Sheriff Department. Dogs that are causing problems aren't registered.

Sherry for Meetinghouse. Thanks for contract for ADA scoping project with Stevens & Associates.

Christian Rogerson was approved as state official.

Don said Cemetery Commission had annual meeting. Don appointed chair.

Krista gives update on Community Center. Krista reads from VLCT re: question from previous meeting:

The default is that all elected officials must be registered voters (residents) of the town in which they serve. See [17 V.S.A. § 2646](#), *At the annual meeting, a **town shall choose from among its registered voters the following town officers . . .*** (Emphasis added). So, converting the office from elected to appointed is one of the mechanisms to remove this residency requirement. See [17 V.S.A. § 2651e](#) (clerk) and/or [17 V.S.A. § 2651f](#) (treasurer).

Additionally, municipalities may put before voters the option to allow non-residents to be elected and/or appointed to local offices except for selectboard members and justices of the peace. [17 V.S.A. § 2646a\(a\)](#). This would continue the election of the office but allow it to be filled by non-residents rather than being restricted to registered voters as is the default for elected offices .

In short: town can only elect residents unless there is a passed article to permit electing non-residents. Board having authority to appoint gives Board authority to appoint non-residents.

Janet: Windham Regional has approved town plan. Janet said Chris Company is willing to ask Act 181. Tier 3 and Road Rule unrelated to Regional Planning.

Board received letter that John Oberling is retiring from Planning Commission. Board thanks him for his service.

David makes a motion to approve overweight permit for Consolidated Communications. Denise second. All in favor. Motion passes.

David makes motion to sign 2026 Grants in Aid Program. Janet Seconds. All in favor motion passes. David signs contract.

Received letter from Hannah Reiger to Board of Abatement. David says we need to have board of abatement meeting. Amber will call the meeting within the next 2 weeks.

### **Bids Solid Waste Contract / Town Garage**

David opens bids for concrete for town garage

- Jeff Carter–Concrete works. \$23,980.00
- John Galanes Poured Concrete Company. \$25,000
- Record Concrete. \$29,050.00
  - Left a note that we could add fortafiber it would add \$940

Krista asks if there is any reason we wouldn't go with the cheapest bid? Danny suggests that we ask him to add fortafiber. Don will ask for price for this.

Krista makes motion to go with Jeff Carter for \$23,980. Don will ask about price for fortafiber. If it is \$940 or less, that Don can request that we put that in. Danny seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

David opens bid for waste services. Trash/recycling

- Casella
  - Waste \$2,450/month to pick up
  - Disposal \$145/ton
  - Recycling \$174/ton
  - Every other week (pick up both every other week)
- Decamp
  - \$39885.60 (\$3,323.80/month)
  - Weekly 1 week trash, 1 week recycling (alternating)
  - Discussion of whether this costs disposal fee
- Vermont Trash Removal
  - \$36,000
  - Alternating weeks trash and recycling pickup
  - Presumed this will include tonnage

David says we can speak to solid waste removal. David says we need to make sure Decamp and Vermont Trash Removal includes tonnage.

David will call solid waste on tonnage. Janet will ask Decamp and Vermont Trash Removal to be sure that their bids include tonnage.

We will have BOA meeting on April 28, 2026 at 6:30pm. We will have Select Board Meeting right after to vote on

Radio Repeater 708

Reads letter from constituent asking for radio tower at Toepfer residence to be moved out of generator.

FCC license has expired. We may have to get someone to help us with this.

Janet spoke to a company (Radio North) in Burlington \$1,250 to fill out application. FCC said we need to fill out a new application for a license. We need a coordinator.

David asked if we spoke to KMA. No. Janet did reach out to mutual aid service. Referred Janet to someone else who did not get back to Janet.

Amber spoke to Grafton about theirs, they had the same person we have that is no longer doing it. A license is good for 10 years.

Perhaps Radio North could help us with the radio issue. Not sure if you can move it. Discussion about how you move it to not be within the frequency. Every wherein town is a residential area. We will ask Northern Radio. We will look into it.

Janet and David will work to get info about FCC licensing and radio frequency licensing.

Denise said we should have warrants and mail on agenda. We will talk about it under further business.

#### **LHM Review**

Will do this next month

Danny makes motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter under **1 V.S.A. § 313** (f).

8:29pm Board enters executive session

9:01pm Exit executive session

David makes motion that Krista reach out to VLCT for legal advice and that she disseminate attorney-client to the Board by email. Denise seconds. All in favor. Motion passes

#### **Further Business**

Janet said they'll get the truck signage in a few weeks. Vermont T's will do it. They won't charge more.

Discussion about public wifi hotspot.

Denise makes motion to adjourn. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting ends at 9:07pm