Select Board Meeting
June 18, 2026

Present: Danny Taylor (Board Member), David Bemis (Board Member), Krista Gay (Board Member), Janet Perry (Board Member), Denise Randall (Board Member) (by phone), Don Capponcelli, Christian Rogerson, Sherry Maher, April Lyman, Matt Perry, Amber Stevens

Call to order 7:04pm

Adjustments
Moved up roads and Don's report to after public comments

Minutes
David makes a motion to accept the minutes. Denise seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Public comments
Sherry asks about trash on the side of the road. David said that the hope is folks will pick them up.

Roads
Matt would like to put the sand out to bids. Needs to put culver project on Route 35 out to bids. Denise if he has the exact specs. Matt said not in front of him. Danny asks if the Town has been approved for grants and aid. Matt isn't sure if the grant will cover it with today's prices. Matt spoke to Mr. Eaton from Better Back Roads. If we need more money after things have gone out to bids, we can request work. Danny said he spoke with paving company and the two spots that Matt hopes to do are so far apart that they have to charge for moving. Danny wants on the paving instead of doing 2 locations to put it all into one location this year. Discussion of where paving should happen. Denise asks if they honor the bid if they run out of time. Danny says he thinks they have to honor it after they accept the bid.

Denise makes a motion to put out to bids 1) paving; 2) culverts; and 3) sand. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Matt said that for chloride tank Better Back Roads is coming out with a grant that it could fall under. It should come out around July 1. Matt says Better Back Roads is 20% match up to $20,000. So this could help us get new things.

David makes a motion that when the grant from Better Back Roads becomes available for the chloride system, that Matt submits that grant. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Matt said he's noticed a ton of dead ash trees. He have an issue with a leaf problem on the side of Route 35. Matt said these trees will be passing away and falling in the road. He said there's a grant that should be available next year that's a 50/50 matching grant. Matt says he thinks the

town would be smart to look into it. It would be through the state. Jay M., the Tree Warden, is working on surveying the trees.
David says we need to speak to the property owners. David says Matt should speak with affected property owners. Danny said even if it's in the town right of away, the town should obtain the owner's approval. Danny discusses what could happen with a tree removal policy.

Danny wants to go over Comp Time. Danny said that with Town policy re: Comp Time, there comes a certain point of year you have to have 80 hours. Matt is over this. Danny said he thinks we should pay him for the amount over comp time. Danny said if Matt can drop his comp time over the next month, he's fine not paying him for it. Danny just wants to see the policy followed. Discussion re: getting time down. Janet said purpose of comp time was to not affect bottom line. Danny said he just wants to follow the policy that Town has, because if Matt took all his time now we'd have no one for summer. Matt is gone week of Fourth of July. Matt got coverage for this time. Matt is out July 4-10. Discussion of using comp time v. vacation time.

Matt said mower is coming the week of July 27.

Garage Project
May be done construction by next Select Board meeting. There may be loose ends but the substantial part.

Heat pump is operating at the community center. We have a new electric service. Town garage now has dual heat pump system. Discussion of updates.

Don was able to bring down costs. He goes over the reports that he generated. Dan is approximately $8,400 under budget on the earmarked funds. Discussion regarding grants.

Janet asked when John will install generator. Don said it should be done sometime in the next few weeks.

Board compliments Don's work.

David says we should plan to have August Select Board meeting at Town Garage.

Town Office
Danny gave Amber notes to put together bid.

David makes motion to put out bid that Amber and Danny put together. Amber wants to modify language to put in town office addition roof to make it more clear. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Boards and Officials
Sherry (Meetinghouse)--Nature Fest at the Meetinghouse. Sherry discuses vendors that will be there. Sherry expressed hope that Board members will come. Board got confirmation for concert

date in July for quartet 2x2 which includes folks from town. Sherry and Don sat in on a Zoom meeting with representative from Stevens & Associates to touch base with planning. It was a good meeting. Sherry is anticipating that we will have something completed soon. Discussion on costs and funding.

Denise asks if preservation trust is okay with everything that is happening. Sherry conveys that it is.

Sherry said Maple Trees along Meetinghouse Road are looking sad. Sherry said that it's been an ongoing discussion about trees. Janet said that somebody threw a fit about it. Krista said that there should be some way to look into. David said he's not sure there's time this summer. Krista said that the can has been kicked on this since she's been on the board, and it should be dealt with. She says that since it's a town building, the town should take care of it. Sherry explains history of spot, and that owner has offered the land to the town previously. The discussion was previously that it wasn't the best way to go. Sherry said that the new owner has agreed to allow us to clear it. Danny said that he's been talking to Matt about projects every month, and that he can talk about this with Matt. Denise asks if trees are still marked. Sherry said trees may need to be marked.

Danny will speak to Matt and Jay, and David will put it on as an agenda item for the July Select Board Meeting.

Sherry said that there is written permission for this.

Amber said that we're having a grievance at June 23 at 6pm. If you didn't get a grievance letter you can still come and grieve, but we need this by June 22 in writing. If you want to grieve you can schedule a time or we'll fit you in. Amber said with new software for dog licenses and these people are in new software. Krista asks what happens to folks on the list. They get a letter.

Denise asks when we get town-wide reappraisal. Amber says that there's no update.

David makes a motion to accept an overweight permit for for Structural Wood Corporation DBA Roll Lock Truss. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

David says we received letter from sheriff re: new law enforcement bill that was passed. David says because it's not on agenda we will bring it up at next meeting. Danny asks sherif to come to next meeting and explain it. Krista asks Amber to scan the document and send it to Select BOard members.

David says there's a contract for the current year for $5,000 for sherif's office. David makes a motion to sign the contract. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

David makes motion to sign contract for HB Energy for generator service contract for year. It's $419. Denise seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

David said that we received a letter re: posting of minutes. Letter also says that executive session should be more detailed. Krista has been sending them out to Board night of meeting so that Amber can get them out Monday.

Turning Point

Amber said that Turning Point contact apologized he's not able to make it tonight. David said he understands from email that they are expanding their service area.

Solid Waste Pickup

Krista raises concerns that have been brought up regarding trash service. Amber has been talking to the Company. The first week Company didn't go down certain roads. The Company then took trash and recycling. There was then some equipment issues. Denise asks if there's not a large enough vehicle. Amber said she thinks it's an equipment issue. Amber said he won't start doing pickup until 7am. They usually do upper road first. Vermont Trash is the new Company.

Krista will report online that folks should have trash out by 7am.

Amber says if trash is out during the day, then trash company should be responsible for picking.

Discussion re: trash that has been put out. Danny said he thought it had a free sign. David said that Matt had picked up stuff at Green Up. There was a free sign and we don't know where it went.

Krista asked if there's anything we can do about it. Danny asks how long we let it sit before picking up. Discussion about what was there. Danny asks Matt to pick it up and use town credit card to bring it to Springfield.

Amber said Company has been good at taking calls. Amber has posted on website to have trash out by 7am.

Appointments

David asks if anyone has come forward to budget committee or constable. No one has come forward.

Executive Session

David makes motion to go into executive session to discuss the evaluation or appointment of an officer or employee per 1 VSA 313. Denise second. All in favor. Motion passes. David invites town clerk to say.

Enters executive session at 8:21pm.
Out of Executive Session at 8:25pm.

No decisions were made.

David makes motion to adjourn at 8:27pm. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.