

Selectboard Minutes

July 14, 2025

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack, Greg Meulemans, Andy Coyne and Christina Robinson

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Hunter Kaltas, Andrew Baldracchi and Emma Spett

1. Late additions

Move liquor license to beginning, move Transfer Station bid to beginning.

2. Minutes

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg. In the discussion of the bridge, John had asked about a certain type of bridge, which was weatherized steel. Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes as revised by Greg, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

3. 3 liquor licenses- River & Rye (Abes Foods and Good)

Jessica made a motion to approve the first class, third class and outdoor consumption license for Abes Food and Goods doing business as River & Rye, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

4. Transfer Station Bids

Hunter Excavating had submitted a proposal for the recycling area at the Transfer Station. Greg and Hunter had a conversation about keeping it on budget. They talked about removing the covers over the C&D now.

Greg made a motion to accept the bid for reconstructing the recycling bin for \$95,000 from Hunter Excavating, seconded by Jessica. Hunter was asked if he would understand if the budget did not pass at the town meeting, he agreed. All in favor.

5. VTRANS Bridge 32

VTRANS is still working on the presentation. Greg made a motion to table it until the next meeting, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

6. Review and act on RFP for Goodaleville Rd streambank repairs

Hunter Excavating-\$38,000

Fitzpatrick Excavating- \$20,880

Ameden Construction- \$10,000

AS Clark & Sons- \$18,750

Greg made a motion to accept the bid from Ameden construction for \$10,000, seconded by Christina. 3 in favor, 1 abstained.

7. Review and act on RFP for Turkey Mountain Road- FEMA Project

Hunter Excavating- \$150,000

Fitzpatrick Excavating- \$49,200

Ameden Construction- \$93,300

The Selectboard wanted to confirm that Fitzpatrick's bid is correct. It was not done the same as the other bids.

Jessica made a motion to defer to Greg, and Greg would reach out to Fitzpatrick, if the number is incorrect, the bid would go to Ameden. Seconded by Greg. None in favor.

Greg made a motion to accept the bid from Ameden Construction for \$93,000, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

8. RFP For Pikes Falls Road

Hunter Excavating-\$68,500

Fitzpatrick Excavating- \$63,900 no unit price, bid done wrong, not accepted

Ameden Construction- \$13,728

AS Clark & Sons- \$36,250 no unit price, bid done wrong, not accepted

Greg made a motion to accept the bid for Hunter Excavating for \$68,500, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

9. Review and sign GMP contract for Pikes Falls

This is not ready yet, it has been tabled.

10. Greg Meulemans contract renewal

Jessica made a motion to extend his contract through the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026, seconded by Christina. All in favor.

11. Tree at Town Hall

Greg received 3 bids for the trees at Town Hall.

Jessica asked that they defer the bid until Sean Howard can submit a bid. He has looked at the trees already. Jessica made a motion to table it until the next meeting, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

12. Town Clerk update

Today, Jessica and Sara had a conversation with one of the candidates. Jessica will be coming back to the board the week of July 28th. They could do the interviews before the next Selectboard meeting.

13. Overweight permits

Greg made a motion to accept the overweight permit for Beacon Sales Acquisition, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to accept the overweight permit for Consolidated Communications, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

14. Jessica made a motion to approve the time sheets, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

15. Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Christina. All in favor.

16. Public concerns

Paul was approached by a couple citizens about sirens for floods. It was discussed after Hurricane Irene but was a large expense. After the recent flooding in Texas, it has been brought up again.

Karen asked about the sign by the church again.

The plaque for the civil war memorial is coming soon.

Town Hall- There is a switch for the entryway, it would be nice to have a timer to be able to see to get out the door.

Pikes Falls Chamber Music Festival- starting on August 4th.

Jamaica Day is August 16th, could still use volunteers.

Wednesday night sidewalk social is still going.

Frederick Douglas reading at Town Hall was good.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Andy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wiswall