

## Selectboard Minutes September 8, 2025

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack (chair), Greg Meulemens, Kate Ullman and Christina Robinson

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Chris Robbins (Planning Commission)

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. *Late additions*

- a. Road projects update
- b. Sign Ordinance and administrator

2. *Minutes*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2025. Seconded, by Christina. All in favor.

3. *VALA Conference*

Jessica mentioned that Listers, Karen Ameden and April Green, would be attending the VT Assessors and Listers Association (VALA) conference in Stowe, VT on September 12. Training for the Listers is included in the budget, therefore formal approval is not required for their attendance at the conference.

4. *DV Fiber/ Act 250*

Chris Robbins announced that the grant was awarded to CCI (Consolidated Communications). The group was prepared to raise private capital to continue the project. The prospect of raising that private capital to fund a project that was awarded to a national company and backed by the government is not good. DV Fiber had a budget of \$25,000,000 while CCI was \$9,000,000. It is unclear if both budgets included identical factors. Jamaica's inclusion is uncertain currently. Chris suggested that the Planning Commission act as a liaison between the town and CCI. Chris spoke of the Town Act 250 hearing was held regarding Mr Wren's Pikes Falls project. Mr. Wren and the property neighbors attended the hearing, a lively discussion was held. Chris feels Mr. Wren is following regulations. Chris has spent time looking for guidance that would disallow the project and has found none.

5. *Grants in Aid*

Greg gave an update on Grants in Aid. This is a grant for roads through the Vermont ANR. It will be used to address culverts and road contour. The RFP will be posted tomorrow (September 9) with the work completed by the end of the month (September 30). Greg said the Selectboard may need to hold a special meeting to review and approve the bids. Greg also reviewed the two remaining work areas that resulted from the December storm: 1) Turkey Mountain Road the work has been completed. 2) Pikes Falls Road is next. There will be a slight chance of a short-term road closure. Hunter Excavating will be starting on September 9.

6. *Procuring replacement container*

A quote from Casella to replace a recycling container is \$14,788.40 includes installation. Delivery will be 6-8 weeks after approval. Kate said the container has been ailing for a while. Due to the requested roof system, there is a very limited source of suppliers. Greg asked if this is from the same provider as the last purchased container. Kate was unaware of the availability of an alternative supplier.

Jessica made a motion to approve the quote from Casella with the contingency that Greg will research and confirm that an alternative supplier with a lower price is not available. Seconded, by Greg. All in favor.

7. *Overweight Permit*

Greg made a motion to approve the Overweight Permit. Seconded, by Jessica. All in favor.

8. *Sign Ordinance*

Under the current terms of the Sign Ordinance, a person must apply for a Sign Permit before placing a sign on their property. Approvals are made by the Sign Administrator. Currently, Sara Wiswall holds the position. Jessica will ask a Select Board or Planning Commission member to take on the role of Sign Administrator. She will also ask the Town Attorney to review the ordinance.

9. *Time Sheets*

Jessica made a motion to approve the time sheets. Seconded, by Greg. All in favor.

10. *Pay Orders*

Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders. Seconded, by Kate. All in favor.

11. *Public concerns*

12. Executive Session, if needed

13. *Adjourn*

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded, by Greg. All in favor.