SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Members: Don McDowell, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Cara Hancy, Joe Gardiner, Carol Lauber, Laurie Griggs, Eric & Janet Sanders, Kevin Griggs, Clint W. Coakley, Nicholar Lee, Laura Stone, Gemme Poulsen, Cory Burall, Leah Hollenberger, Jerry & Evelyn Throne, David Ward, Charles Burnham, Alison Link* Nancy Dunavan*

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:35 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Add agenda item Paving and Culvert schedule under new business.

5:33PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Several residents requested that the Selectboard add an agenda item to address the hiring of a recreation coordinator and establishing a budget for the program.

5:47PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes 9-2-25**
   Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the minutes of 9/2/2025. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (4/0)
2. **Approve minutes of Public Hearing 9-3-25**
   Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the minutes of 9/3/2025. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (4/0)
3. **Approve minutes of Special SB Meeting 9-3-25**
   Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the minutes of the special selectboard meeting on 9/3/2025. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (4/0)

5:50PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. **Presentation - Scoping Report for Bridge 8 along Cady Falls Road - Laura Stone, Scoping Engineer - Vtrans**
   Laura Stone and Corey Burell from VTrans gave a slide presentation regarding the state of Bridge 8, "Cadys Falls Road Iron Bridge" on FAS Route 239 over the Lamoille River. The meeting provided an overview of this project to Town Officials, residents, and other interested parties. The following was addressed: existing site conditions, proposed work, and overall schedule. In 2016, the bridge was

rehabilitated. Currently, the bridge is failing. Discussion ensued regarding the quick decline of the bridge. Three repair options were suggested for the town's consideration. A decision should be made in two to three months. Jerry Throne has a background in engineering and bridge work and has requested more information regarding the project.

2. **Update on paving projects and culvert replacements**
   Brent Raymond presented the Highway Department's schedule, locations, and alternative routes for the paving and culvert repairs planned from Sept. 22, 2025 with a completion date of Updates to the schedule can be found on the town's website.

3. **Discussion and approval of EMS billing rate increase**
   Brent Raymond opened the discussion on why Morristown should raise their rates. Recently, Stowe shared their EMS rate study with Brent which was valuable in conducting more research. Current rates haven't been adjusted in approximately 10 years. The proposed increases reflect a 3-year analysis and account for various service levels. After an examination of the data, and questions answered by Chief Corey Boisvert and training officer Michael Roberge, the board was in agreement with the new EMS billing rates as presented. Brent thanked the Stowe staff for sharing their information.

   Motion made by Richard Craig to increase the town's EMS billing rates as presented. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

4. **Approve Small Time Drive private road name**
   Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the request to name the private road Small Time Drive and authorize Don McDowell to sign. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

5. **Approve roadside Diamond Mower tractor**
   Motion made by Richard Craig to authorize Brent Raymond, Town Manager, to secure and enter into the most favorable financing terms available for the purchase of a John Deere roadside diamond mower tractor from Pete's Equipment, as previously approved in the Town's budget. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

6. **Approve Police car purchase**
   Motion was made by Richard Craig to authorize Brent Raymond, Town Manager, to secure and enter into the most favorable financing terms available for the purchase of a police car as previously approved in the Town's budget. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

7. **Halloween Road Closure for 2025**
   Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the closing of the following streets in the Village for trick-or-treating on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Maple St, Cherry Ave, Harrison Ave, Union St (easterly), Summer St, Court St. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

8. **Discuss the interview process for vacant Selectboard seat.**
   Acceptance for applications for the vacant Selectboard seat will close at the end of this week. A discussion ensued about whether the interviews should be held in public or in executive session. Interviews will be held on 9/30/25 and 10/1/25 if needed in public with the Selectboard going into executive session to discuss the interviews. Once a full board is in place a discussion will take place regarding a vice chair.

   Motion made by Laura Streets to interview one candidate at a time in open session, with deliberation taking place in executive session. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried

(4/0).

7:00PM - OLD BUSINESS

None

7:05PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

7:10PM - SCHEDULE

1. **Monday, September 22, 2025 - SB Public Hearing Appeal continued - 5:30PM**
   Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - SB Public Hearing CIP - 5:30PM
   Monday, October 6, 2025 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM
   Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - Special SB Meeting - Jeff Carr - 5:30PM
   Monday, October 20, 2025 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM

7:15PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

7:20PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm
Submitted and filed this 9/17/25.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.