

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

5:00 p.m.

Present: Eric Pope, Chair of the Board, Larry Labor, Bruce Remick and TammyLee Morin, Clerk to the Board.

**Others Present:** Jane Malgeri, Mike Rossi, Tracey Rossi of the Community House Committee.

### 1. Call the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:04

### 2. Make any changes/additions to the draft agenda as needed.

- a. Kitchen sink at school – The sink is still plugging up even after numerous service calls by Nadeau’s Plumbing & Heating. Larry will go to the school to see first hand what is happening and will than contact Nadeau’s to come up with a final solution to fix the problem.
- b. Shower installation request from NFI. - NFI has requested permission from the Town to seek estimates to install a shower at the school in an existing bathroom. The Selectboard granted permission, all costs will be covered by NFI.
- c. Recap of Eric’s meeting with DEC about PFAS. – Eric met with Meredith Maskell and Amy Galford from DEC to discuss next steps towards resolving the PFAS contamination of the school. If the Town goes forward with drilling a new well, there is another round of funding available to fund the construction phase which would include building the necessary infrastructure to support the water system as well as piping and connection to the school and potentially the area properties who are also contaminated. In the State’s opinion, this will likely take at least an additional 2 years. A quicker option offered would be to install a treatment/filtration system in the school – which is also eligible for funding under the same program. According to DEC, unfortunately, the area private properties would not be eligible for filtration under this program. If the treatment option is decided for the School, the Town will explore other potential solutions for contaminated properties. Eric also discussed the Town’s intent on re- sampling 6 previously sampled properties and 8 additional properties for a total of 14. DEC felt that was a good plan – Eric will coordinate with Otter Creek Engineering to get that effort in motion.

- d. FEMA Updates – Eric and Vtrans Project Manager Jason Sevigny visited Toad Pond Road (just prior to the Williams Rd intersection) to review an intended hazard mitigation culvert replacement project, slated for 2026. The Hydraulics study recommends the existing 56” x 34” pipe arch be replaced with twin 54” culverts and a headwall on the inlet side. Jason and Eric concurred with the recommendations. Eric and Jason will survey the site in the Spring to make final project determinations. Eric is also finalizing an RFP for engineering services for the Sucker Brook Culvert on Toad Pond Road – the existing 72” culvert will be replaced with a 12’ x 8’ concrete box, also funded through hazard mitigation. The replacement will be either in fall 2026 or summer 2027.

**3. Review and approve the minutes of November 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 as written.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 meeting as written.

**4. Let any guests speak.**

Eric began the conversation with news that the Town had received a grant reimbursement check in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation for the structural and site work performed at the Community House.

The Board and CH Committee discussed potential phase II projects to include an electrical system audit and likely upgrade, new lighting, insulation, window replacement and bathroom remodel to turn the existing two bathrooms into a single ADA compliant bathroom.

These projects will be dependent on funding sources, in the meantime, it was agreed upon that seeking estimates for the proposed projects would be prudent.

Mike Rossi volunteered to help by meeting with the contractors for these projects and anything else that can be of assistance. The board graciously accepted and thanked him.

Jane mentioned that there had been some argument as to Town property owner/taxpayers of the Town of Morgan should not have to pay rental fees for using the Community House.

The Selectboard countered that position by saying that those fees are important and help fund the operating costs of the building.

After a discussion on annual appropriation to the Community House:

A motion was made and seconded to add a line item in the budget for an annual appropriation to the Community House with no petition needed.

**5. Sheriff's Department appropriation request to be added to the Town meeting warning for March 2026.**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article to be added to the Town Report for the FY 2026/2027 Sherrif's Department in the amount of \$28,496.00 to be voted on in March 2026.

**6. Copy of Notice of Warning for the County Meeting for December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at 247 Main Street, Newport, VT. To discuss articles on said budget.**

Read & reviewed. FYI

**7. Seymour Lake "Beach Lot" complaints of garbage.**

Chairman Eric Pope was contacted with a complaint of garbage deposited illegally on the edge of the Seymour Beach parking lot. Eric reached out to Mike Wichrowski, land and facilities administrator for Vermont Fish and Wildlife (Owner of the lot) to inform him. Mike said he would have it taken care of.

**8. Other business:**

N/A

**9. Orders #25017 in the amount of \$287.34 Thanks giving Turkey already approved but needs to be signed.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #25017 in the amount of \$287.34 for payment.

**10. Order #25018 in the amount of \$19,887.03 for reimbursement to residents for over paid taxes to review approve and sign for payment.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #25018 in the amount of \$19,887.03 for payment.

**11. Order #25019 in the amount of \$4,488.15 for payroll and \$75,950.79 for Accounts payable to review approve and sign for payment.**

A motion made and seconded to approve and sign order #25019 in the amounts of \$4,488.15 for payroll and \$75,950.70 for accounts payable for payment.

**12. Adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**\*\*\*The next regular meeting will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at 5:00 p.m.\*\*\***