

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Present:** Eric Pope, chair of the board, Larry Labor, and Bruce Remick.

Others Present: Matthew Wilson, Barton Chronicle

### **1. Call the meeting to order.**

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

- a. FEMA Culvert Projects: Engineering assessment is underway for replacement of the Sucker Brook culvert crossing Toad Pond Road that was washed out during the 2024 floods. The design is expected to be a 12' X 8' X 45' Box Culvert with 8' pre-cast concrete wing walls. It is possible this work may be completed in late summer 2026.
- b. E Taylor Hatton Boiler Repair/Replacement: It was determined by multiple heating contractors that the existing boilers at the school are beyond economical repair. The contractors will develop a proposal to replace the fuel oil boilers with more efficient propane boilers to be used as the backup system to the planned heat pumps to be installed under a MERP Grant from the State of Vermont.
- c. MERP Grant Pre-Bid Meeting: Several contractors attended a pre-bid meeting at the E Taylor Hatton School on Monday, February 23, 2026 in preparation for final bids to be submitted no later than March 23, 2026.
- d. E Taylor Hatton exterior door replacement: The Selectboard received a preliminary quote for replacement of six (6) exterior doors with steel doors and will as our contractor to also price fiberglass doors as an alternate.

### **3. Review and approve the minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as written.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 26, 2026, as written.

### **4. Review and approve the minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as written.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, as written.

**5. Let any guests speak.**

None.

**6. Resignation of Fire Warden Robert Cain.**

Bob Cain has decided to resign after many years as Fire Warden and will be recognized for his service at the Annual Town Meeting. Rick Pare has graciously volunteered to serve as the Fire Warden.

**7. Uniform Weight permits for JP Sicard and Mark Fortin (MD Excavating) to review approve and sign.**

Uniform Weight Permits were approved and signed.

**8. Review approve and sign orders # 25028 in the amounts of \$4,282.28 for payroll and \$3,914.37 for accounts payable.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the Orders #25028 in the amount of \$4,282.28 for payroll and \$3,914.37 for accounts payable.

**9. Other Business.**

E Taylor Hatton fire alarm system alert. Bruce will contact Beth Brookes (NFI) and Jason Delabruere (D&D Electric).

**10. Adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.