

Selectboard Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2026
5:00 PM

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

Others: Rhonda Shippee, Dennis Fortin and Nancy Bullock of the Seymour Lake Association.

1. Call the meeting to order.

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

2. Review and approve the minutes of the last meeting dated July 27th 2026 as written.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written for July 27th 2026 meeting.

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

- a. Starlink – SLA requested the Town share 50% of the costs for Starlink to be installed at the boat inspection trailer for emergency purposes. Total cost would be \$1,232.94 and ½ to be paid by the Town in the amount of \$616.47.

A motion was made and seconded to pay to pay the \$616.47 to cover one-half the cost for Starlink to be installed at the boat trailer for emergency situations.

- b. Hatton Heights Road Repairs - Grants in Aid for \$11,500.00 Obligation due date is September 30th. Work has been finalized and reimbursement is in process.
- c. Letter of Support for Community House Committee Grant application to review and sign.

A motion was made and seconded to sign a Letter of Support to the State of Vermont Department of Building and General Services to support a Community House Committee application for a Grant to perform infrastructure improvements at the Community House.

- d. Appoint a Treasurer to the Community House Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Christina Pare to the Community House Committee as Treasurer.

- e. Purchasing Policy – Review at next Select Board Meeting.
- f. Shawn Austin Contract – Review at next Select Board Meeting.
- g. Phase 2 Site investigation from Otter Creek. Select Board reviewed the Phase 2 Site Investigation report from Otter Creek and will request minor changes and clarifications to the report before transmittal to the State of Vermont.
- h. Fire Warden – Larry Labor will fill in for Rick Pare while Rick is recovering from an accident.
- i. Larry Labor advised the Select Board that he has requested information from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources about distribution of the \$500,000.00 that was specifically identified by the Legislature for Aquatic Grants (Milfoil).

4. Let any guests speak.

Rhonda Shippee provided information about a potential swim program at Seymour Lake provided by an organization called Teach America to Swim. The program could commence in 2027, utilizing the Morgan Town Beach and providing swimming lessons to up to 40 students of various age groups.

A motion was made and seconded and the Select Board agreed to partner with the Seymour Lake Association to subsidize the \$147 per student cost of swimming lessons for Morgan Town residents, and to provide \$1,000 (to be matched by the Seymour Lake Association) for the initial deposit.

5. Review and sign support letter for the Community House Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize contracted services to weatherize the Community House.

6. Town Lands Survey:

The Town received two proposals for professional surveying services to survey the Town Lands property accessed through Joe Page's land adjacent to VT Route 114.

- a. Day Land Surveying in the amount of \$10,200.00.
- b. Barnard & Gervais, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 with a retainer fee of \$1500.00

A motion was made and seconded to approve Barard and Gervais, LLC to accept their proposal in the amount of \$5,000.00.

7. Town Lands discussion:

The Select Board discussed the Town Lands off VT Route 114 consisting of 213 acres that is not directly accessible (landlocked) and accessed through private property owned by Joe Page. Select Board will contract for a survey of the town lands this fall. Bruce Remick will contact Joe Page to let him know about the surveying and obtain permission to use his road to enter the Town Lands.

After the survey is complete, the Select Board will engage with the Town Attorney for discussion of the legal status of a small camp on town property.

8. Elliot Acres Fish Hatchery

The Town reviewed an offer to take over operations of a Fish Hatchery located on Elliott Acres.

A motion was made and seconded to decline to take any action on this matter.

9. Letter from the Derby Planning Board soliciting any and all comments on the proposed amendments to the Derby Zoning Bylaw.

Read, reviewed and filed.

10. Randy Fecteau called asking permission for bird hunting on town property that includes the Recycling Center and Landfill.

A motion was made and seconded that the Select Board has no objections to hunting on the town property with the caveat that no hunting should occur during Transfer/Recycling Station hours on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

11. E Taylor Hatton MERP Grant Status

The Town of Morgan has reported completion of MERP Grant activities at the E Taylor Hatton School and expenditure of all remaining MERP funds. Bruce reported that we were still waiting for an Efficiency Vermont reimbursement check for a rebate on LED Lighting.

12. Other Business:

None.

13. Orders #26018 to review approve and sign for payment in the amounts of \$5,235.18 for payroll and \$57,294.45 for accounts payable.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Order #26018 in the amounts stated above for payment.

14. Orders #26019, #26020 & #26021 to review approve and sign for payment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Orders #26019 in the amounts of \$12,945.88 for Payroll and \$15,953.42 for Accounts Payable for payment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Order #26020 in the amount of \$186,500.00 for payment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Order #26021 in the amount of \$7,350.00 for payment.

15. Adjourn the meeting

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.