

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

## Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Susan opened meeting and established quorum: S. Ford, B. Duffy and D. Carter all present. Also in attendance: D. Ford, L. Dow and B. Astbury. From the public: J. Franklin and J. Wetterskog

Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes with one correction. 3-0 approved.

### CEO REPORT:

Bob Manheimer is ready to have his site walk. He would like to have this done on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Per the guidelines for posting notices, we will have to contact Bob to reschedule the notice requirements. I received a call from Curtis Jaffray regarding the Valerie Dillon property.

### DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **How we will deal with the twisted flags in front of office-** Lyndsey or Dan will call versant tomorrow to notify them of the flags twisted around the wires. The board discussed whether or not new flags were needed. Lyndsey will do some research on some better-quality flags
2. **Back taxes collection ideas-** Lyndsey sent out letters last week for those who are behind on their payment arrangements. Barry would like notices to be sent out to D. Gray, M. Herrick and C. Nevells asking them to come to the board to see about clearing up their back tax burden. Barry asked the other board members for permission to begin the process of selling at least one property that hasn't been paid in over 15 years. The board is in total agreement that something has to happen. Lyndsey will review the statute and help begin that process by sending a letter to the property owner notifying them of the Town's intent to sell.

3. **What do we need to do about the tar breaking off the edge of upper driveway to back of office-** Ben will contact the company regarding the tarring of the driveway and will ask questions and see about having the tar replaced.
4. **Deputy tax collector/town clerk position and resumes-** We received 3 resumes and conducted interviews today. References need to be contacted and go from there. Will keep everyone in the loop on this progress in the weeks to come.

### **Road Commissioner:**

Ben had to replace a culvert today. Graytown and Sis Porter- all the water was sitting on the lawn up to the road at the end of Sis Porter. The Culvert had disintegrated. Ben ditched the road and the culvert was replaced. Due to the tar on Sis Porter being brand new, it was imperative that the culvert be replaced properly and quickly. The posted road signs did not hold well during the storm/wind, and many of them had to be reposted. Ben has been receiving lots of calls from people asking about road projects. Ben would like to discuss some inventory for upcoming roadwork. Many years of storms have caused a lot of buildup of brush and debris- should think about doing some cleanup.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Justin Franklin received an email from the Planning Commission. 2 meetings a month via Zoom. Also asking for a questionnaire from the community. Justin is wondering what level of commitment the town would like to be involved in. He will attend a zoom meeting to see how it goes but thinks that it's much more involved than they let on. The board at this point does not think that the Town wants to be involved in the capacity that the Planning Commission wants but will wait for a report from Justin after the next meeting.

Jerry did not attend the last meeting in person but was online and wished to get some clarification surrounding the Town's position with the remediation of invasive plant life. The board reiterated that it wasn't the cost that was the issue, but rather the precedence that it might set for others who might expect the town to pay for removal of these plants, and it could become an issue later. Jerry asked if the abutters on Ferry Landing covered

the cost, if the board would be okay with them going forward with the removal and asked for a letter from the town stating it was okay to do so.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 7:09pm. 3-0 approved.