

**Windham VT Selectboard Minutes
October 28, 2024 Special Meeting
Held at the Meeting House and on Zoom**

Present at the Meeting House

Kord Scott, selectboard chair
Mary McCoy (Mac), selectboard clerk

Present on Zoom

George Dutton, selectboard
Michael Pelton, selectboard
Antje Ruppert
Cathy Fales
Barbara Lettenberger

Frank Seawright
Abby Pelton
Barbara Jean Quinn
Ron Cohen and
Carrie Tintle
Bill Dunkel

1. Start Recording and Call to Order

Kord called the meeting to order and started the recording at 5:30 PM.

2. Additions/deletions and/or changes to agenda – There were no changes.

3. Announcements – Tonight’s meeting will address a few issues that need immediate attention since the October 21st regular selectboard meeting was cancelled due to illness. Tonight’s meeting will be held to one-half hour so the scheduled Planning Commission meeting can use the town’s Zoom account starting at 6:30 PM.

4. Act on the minutes from the September 16, 2024 selectboard meeting

Motion: To approve the October 7, 2024 selectboard minutes; Kord moved; all agreed.

5. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

6. Correspondence – There was some correspondence that will be shared at the next meeting.

7. Payroll/Bills

Motion: To approve the check warrant reports from the town treasurer. George moved, and all agreed. Kord will sign these.

8. Guest and Staff Reports with Discussions and Possible Decisions

A) Road Commissioner – Kord asked Mac to open and read two bids for sand. Hunter Excavating’s bid was \$29 per yard, and Hill Excavating’s bid was \$22 per yard. There was a no bid from Dering Excavating. The town has previously purchased from Hill with positive results.

Motion: To accept the bid from Hill. Kord moved, and all agreed.

Kord reported that FEMA engineers and inspectors looked at the damage on West Windham Road and concluded that they would not provide payment for repair as the damage is off the road and on private property. Town Engineer Everett Hammond will determine how to make the repair, as we need to take care of this.

9) New Business

A) Discuss plans for Road Crew annual evaluations – Kord suggested that the road crew evaluations be conducted as they were last year. He will meet with the Richard and Kurt and conduct the evaluation process. Then in executive session, the selectboard will review the evaluations and set the compensation. George and Michael agreed to this.

10) New Business

A) Discuss/approve NEMRC Lister maintenance/training agreement – Kord clarified that the agenda topic might be misleading, as after discussion, a decision will be made as to whether or not to approve the contract. Antje said she had email Chris Miele at NEMRC with questions. He looked at what is needed in Windham, namely training and help with deadlines. The agreement has no required amount of service hours. This year we have been receiving free help, but from now on, we will be charged after 15 minutes of phone support. The agreement offers a lower service charge rate, which will be applied to charges for support already given.

Frank expressed disapproval of the town using outside help and offered to serve as a lister. He said he had looked at the training documents from Microsoft and NEMRC, and he knows it all already. If he has questions, he will contact previous listers.

Motion: To approve the NEMRC maintenance/training agreement. George moved and all agreed.

Before the meeting closed, there were comments from two people who were not present during public comments.

Barbara Lettenberger had questions about the status of the schoolhouse. Michael explained that her questions needed to be addressed to the school board, not the selectboard. Cathy added that there will be a townwide process that will help determine the future of the schoolhouse.

Bill Dunkel announced that the Window Dressers could use help. No carpentry experience is needed. All tools are provided. A total of 203 window inserts will be built, including 12 for the schoolhouse and 9 for the Meeting House. Work is scheduled from 8:30 to 12:30 and from 1:00 to 5:00 with the WCO providing lunch. Work begins November 1 and continues until the 7th.

11) Adjourn regular meeting and stop recording.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM. George moved, and all agreed.

**Next Regular Selectboard Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCoy (Mac), selectboard clerk
Approved November 4, 2024