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Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2025  
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford Vermont 05072

Selectboard Members in Person: Toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Mary Linehan  
Selectboard Member via Zoom: Kelly Harman

Participants in Person: Chris Behr, John Freitag, Lisa Bragg, Kevin Lynch  
Participants via Zoom: Rod Maclay, Judie Englander, Darren Marcy (WRV Herald)

The meeting starts at 6pm.

1. Highway:
  - i. Vacancies: no update
  - ii. Equipment and roads: pricing of materials starting to go up; budget should reflect the price of trucks, materials, and equipment.
  - iii. Truck for Green up day– trucks will be available for green up day at park & ride.
  - iv. Brook Road Project –
    1. Culvert work – upsize culvert on Brook Road to accommodate increased water flow prior to paving.
  - v. Paving and Structures Grants for 2026:
    1. Paving: estimate \$200K for skim coat from carpenter hill road to Barrett Hall
    2. Structures: Bridge repair on old Tunbridge Road: estimated to \$286K
  - vi. Two Rivers Transportation Advisory Committee - Representative appointment:
    1. Lisa Bragg appointed as representative of the Town.
  - vii. Murphy Highway Access Application approval on Ayers Road:
    1. Solsaa motions to approve the application at Ayers Road; Toni Pippy seconds and all approve.
  - viii. Contracts for Services:
    1. Solsaa motions for Chair Toni Pippy to sign all the contracts outstanding.
      - a. Northwoods Excavating for Ward and Van Dyke work.
      - b. Whitcomb Hill Works –plumbing; James Mannix- cemetery mowing; Alan Rowell road grading; Gary Kendall cemetery mowing
2. Approve the Meeting minutes March 20 and March 31, 2025
  - a. Solsaa motions to approve the minutes for 3.20.25 and 3.31.25; Pippy seconds and all approve. Mary Linehan recuses herself from the 3.20.25 meeting.
3. Budget 2025: Budget to Actual:
  - a. Expenses and Income to date tracking to budget

4. Selectboard assistant:  
Discussion about tasks and job description
5. Executive Session:
  - a. Chair Toni Pippy moves to find that premature general knowledge regarding the litigation and negotiation strategy related to the appeal to the environmental court of the Town DRB's decision in the appeal of Rachel Kendall's application for a conditional use permit would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Solsaa seconds all approve.
  - b. Chair Toni Pippy then moves for the Board to enter executive session to discuss the appeal of Rachel Kendall's application for a conditional use permit under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. Solsaa seconds and all approve.
  - c. The Board comes out of executive session with no action taken.
6. Executive session:
  - a. Harman moves for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding from Coburn's store regarding the underground storage tanks. Pippy seconds and all approve.
  - b. The Board comes out of executive session with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Kelly Harman, Recording Clerk