

**TOWN OF WHEELOCK**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
June 3rd, 2025 Upstairs at Town Hall and via Zoom.

Present; Selectboard members Ann Lawless, Mike Richardson, and Chuck Dill, Residents Theresa and Bill Stimpson and Bobbie Jo and Richard Norcross, Town Clerk Erin Swigart and recorder Meaghan Rinehart.

**Call to Order;** Meeting called to order at 6pm.

**Changes to agenda;**

Sander bid added to roads

Architecture and engineering permits added to FEMA update

Question about prior minutes regarding mower purchase

**ADOPT MINUTES OF 5\20\25**

Chuck motions, seconded by Mike to adopt minutes. After reviewing past minutes, the vote regarding the mower purchase was found. All in favor, so voted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Request by Meaghan Rinehart to use town hall grounds.** Request rescinded.

**ATV complaint from last meeting.**

Residents present at the meeting expressed concern that a few unsafe riders would influence a change in the current ATV ordinance. Selectboard members agreed they do not seek to make any changes, and that changes would not make a difference in this situation that concerns underage riders with no helmets. Residents are reminded to make sure they are following current ATV rules and policies. Further discussion regarding ATV trail maintenance however was tabled until the next time one of the ATV or snow machine clubs contacts the town to request permission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adopt 2025 Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)** Policy was reviewed, a few things needed confirmation and document can be signed. Chuck motions, seconded by Mike to confirm with Cindy Brown regarding being the emergency site manager before signing. All in favor, so voted.

Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to appoint Ann to sign after information gathered. All in favor, so voted.

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**Roadside mowing bids** 2 bids came in for mowing. \$4500 bid from Walt Neborsky, \$5555 from Jeff Masure. Chuck motions, seconded by Mike, to accept bid from Walt Deborsky. All in favor, so voted.

### **Vt Electric Coop Community Solar**

Ann shared what she learned about the program, a 10 year buy for the electric bill at Town Hall would cost the town \$11,502.75 and generate a credit of \$132 monthly. The Selectboard does not think this is a viable program to invest in at this time due to cash flow.

### **CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Erin reports that to date there is a total of \$111,000 outstanding in back taxes including fees and penalties. Mrs. Norcross asks if there is any recourse to collect back taxes and Ann informs her she will look into what can be done.

Erin reminds that all employees must complete ethics training module.

Erin requests the purchase of more digital storage for Town Hall correspondence. The cost is \$2 per month.

Software Updates for the system are in process.

Erin gave printed copies of the budget to actuals report to the Selectboard. Ann stated it will be a discussion item at an upcoming meeting.

### **ROADS**

**Update** Chuck stated all roads except Flagg Pond and Sparhawk have been graded once, and some have been done twice. Residents attending gave compliments to Dennis Sawyer for grading work on S. Wheelock Rd. Jeff Masure is to begin work behind town hall next week.

**Bids for sander** Burnin' Rods presented a \$4,500 bid to repair the sander. \$4500 Chuck is familiar with their work and approves. Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to accept the bid from Burnin' Rods All in favor, so voted.

**Driveway permits** Certified letters were sent; one was received but not the second one. It was suggested a followup phone call is needed for the one not received.

**FEMA update** 4 projects waiting on approval, Fall Brook Rd Bridge, Boulay Rd embankment, Minister Hill Bridge and Welch Rd crossing. FEMA site inspections were held on May 20 for the first three. Fall Brook is in the Architecture and Engineering (A&E) queue. The Town would have to put out to bid for this for up to \$25,000. Boulay [Type here]

also in queue for up to \$6,006 for A & E. Minister Hill is still waiting on the final site inspection report. Welch Road crossing: The Town has not been told yet whether it is FEMA eligible as a Class 4 road. If so, the A & E will be \$140,000. Hydraulics and Hydrology study has been completed by the state. If the Town accepts A & E proposals for the design work, and then DOES NOT PROCEED to the construction phase, the town would be on the hook for the entire A & E amount we spend. As with all FEMA eligible Wheelock projects, FEMA pays 75%, the state 9%, and 16% is the town's share.

This led to a discussion of whether Boulay should be handled in-house without FEMA assistance in order to expedite the process.

Chuck motions, seconded by Mike, to put out to bid A & E for Fall Brook Bridge. All in favor, so voted.

Chuck motions to table Welch Rd. until next meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to not pursue A & E on Boulay at this time. All in favor, so voted.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Review and sign warrants**

Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to sign warrants. All in favor, so voted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - none**

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Mrs, Stimpson suggested the delinquent tax collector be present at next meeting.

Mike motions, seconded by Chuck, to adjourn after warrant signing. All in favor, so voted. Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Submitted by Meaghan Rinehart

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Ann Lawless, chair

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Mike Richardson

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Chuck Dill

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