

Town of Wheelock
Selectboard Meeting
January 6th, 2026
Wheelock Town Hall and via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Ann Lawless, Mike Richardson and Chuck Dill. Erin Swigart Town Clerk, Bobbie Jo and Richard Norcross, Theresa Stimpson, Meaghan Rinehart, Recorder. Via Zoom Paul Hayes and assistant of the Caledonian-Record & Enid Ellis.

Call to order at 6:33

Changes to Agenda: VCDP resolution will be tabled for now. Meaghan has some questions regarding Town Hall and needs information for the Planning Commission. Auction news will be shared quickly next.

Mike informed the Selectboard the auction will run until 2/2 so decision can be made 2/3.

ADOPT MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Chuck motions, seconded by Ann to adopt minutes of 12/16/25. All in favor, so voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Reserve

Ann motions, seconded by Chuck to move funds from sign reserve fund to purchase signs. All in favor, so voted.

Approve Draft Budget

Erin mentions that items on 2026 budget are still changing as things come in, waiting on Transfer Station to be added in. Chuck motions, seconded by Mike to approve budget draft and allow Treasurer to add items in as needed. All in favor, so voted.

Approve Selectboard 2025 Report

Chuck motions, seconded by Mike to accept Draft Selectboard Report. All in favor, so voted.

Approve Warning for Town Meeting 2026

Erin discussed the new articles to be added as items come in. Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to approve Town Meeting Warning and give Erin ability to update as budget numbers come in. All in favor, so voted.

Approve Social Services Requests

These items have already been approved for Town Meeting vote as they are itemized in the Town Meeting warning. Erin confirmed she has verified that all requests accord with the Town's policy and all have the required Wheelock signatures.

Approve Cemetery Sexton Request for Bids

Changes were made to the request for mowing of the two remote cemeteries, to pay for one set of mowings, and at the Town's discretion, a second set of mowings, weather and growing season dependent. Ads will run on website and in local paper. Ann motions, seconded by Mike to put out bid. All in favor, so voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisit Payroll Policy

Ann motions, seconded by Chuck, to make increase payments as of January 8th, 2026. All in favor, so voted.

VT Bond Bank

Tabled.

VCDP grant, Sign Letter

Mike motions, seconded by Chuck to sign the letter from Selectboard confirming that the proposal is in compliance with current town plan. All in favor, so voted.

CLERK/ TREASURER'S REPORT

Delinquent Tax Report

Current report through January 6 was shared. Total owed is \$103,640.65, including Principal \$88,575.65, Penalty \$5,660.28, and Interest \$9,404.22. Ann noted that the current Delinquent Tax Collector seeks not to run for a new one year term.

ROADS

Roads Report

Chuck noted that a lot of sand was used in most recent "wicked" ice storm. There is no generator in Town Garage. This will need to be addressed as it affects the garage doors and the furnace. We may need a transfer switch.

FEMA Update

Ann reported we may actually get Category Z admin payments and payments for donated resources for project management work by Scott Lange because Selectboard members can receive stipends of \$1200. Recent invoices from GeoDesign for the design work on the embankments on Boulay and S Wheelock Rds. can be submitted for reimbursement as soon as we can provide proof of payment.

Correspondence

None

VISITOR COMMENTS

Meaghan asked the Selectboard clarifying questions regarding Town Hall ADA compliance needed for the Planning Commission's upcoming town-wide survey as part of the work on the new town plan. Brief answers were provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chuck motions, seconded by Mike to sign documents and adjourn. All in favor, so voted.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

Submitted by Meaghan Rinehart.

Ann Lawless, chair

Mike Richardson

Chuck Dill