

Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2025  
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford Vermont 05072

Selectboard Participants in Person: Toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Kelly Harman, Andrew Duncklee  
Participants in Person: P.D. Hardy, Lisa Bragg, John Freitag, Steve Marx, Keith Billian  
Participants via zoom: Judie Englander, Dexter Lefavour (NEC), Matt Young (Ascent)

Meeting called to order at 6pm

1. Public Concerns:
  - a. Steve Marx: discussion about petition for a return to Town Meeting
2. Highway
  - a. PD Hardy – no luck with the vacancy
  - b. Freeman Road Bridge: Dexter Lefavour with New England Consulting (NEC) Engineers– The bids ranged from \$975K-\$1.27M. NEC recommends moving forward with CCS Constructors. Pippy motions to accept the bid for \$975K with CCS Constructors upon confirmation that FEMA funding has been secured. Solsaa seconds and all approve.
  - c. Ward Bridge and Van Dyke Road Bridge: Matt Young Ascent Consulting– Project Management services for both. Solssa motions to approve awarding the PJM services to Ascent Consulting for the reconstruction of both bridges. Pippy seconds and all approve.
  - d. Certification of Highway Mileage Year Ending 2/10/25: Pippy motions to approve certification, Solsaa seconds and all approve.
  - e. Right of Way - Harman
3. Approve minutes of 12/19/ 24 nd 1/2/2025
  - a. Solsaa moves to approve the meeting minutes for 12/19/24 and 1/2/2025 as written
4. Appoint a Liaison to State Ethics Commission required per Act 171:
  - a. Pippy motions to approve Andrew Duncklee to State Ethics Commission, Solsaa seconds and all approve.
5. Budget 2025:
  - a. Likely no increase to taxes as it stands right now.
6. Other:
  - a. Petitions needed by January 27 for those interested in running for SelectBoard.
  - b. Keith Billian arrived and expressed his desire to explain his concerns. He was allowed the time to do so.

7. Pippy motions to go into Executive Session for Performance Review, Solsaa seconds and all approve. Selectboard comes out of executive session at 7:25.
  - a. Pippy motions to approve a pay increase for being appointed assistant Road Foreman. Duncklee seconds and all approve.

Solsaa motions to adjourn at 7:27pm