

Town of Proctor Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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April 14, 2025

Town Office Meeting Room

Zoom Video Conference

6:00 – 7:26 p.m.

Board Members Present

Bruce Baccei

Linda Doty

Lisa Miser

Jay Thorton

Albert Wenta

Employees Present

Judy Frazier, Town Manager

Other Guests Present

Dave Carmen

Brian Collamore

John Jozwaik

Alicia Malay

Carol Protivansky

David Weeks

Action Items

I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Lisa Miser called the meeting to order.

The meeting was held in the Town Office Meeting Room; Zoom Video Conferencing was offered as well.

II. Review and Approve Agenda

Albert Wenta made the motion to approved the agenda, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Linda Doty, unanimously approved.

III. Review of Minutes

Bruce Baccei made the motion to approve the March 24, 2025 regular Selectboard minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Doty, unanimously approved.

IV. Open Public Comment and/or Good Stuff

Memorial Day parade will be held Sunday May 25th at noon with a BBQ to follow the program in the park. The PHS Theater program put on Alice in Wonderland this weekend, 45 students were involved from across the GRCSU. Both performances were standing room only! The PHS Loyalty Concert will be held May 5th at 6:30.

John Jozwaik inquired if an outside contractor was hired for the Patch Street repair.

Rep. Malay, Senator Collamore and Senator Weeks were present to provide a legislative update. Topics shared and discussed;

- Education: H454 passed out of the House to the Senate Ed committee. Do not anticipate any governance change, but rather looking at funding formula. The state will be using the surplus to buy down the tax rate for this coming year. Which will leave a hole for the following year.
- 3 Acre rule: This is an expensive bill that will undermine property owners and have significant impact on businesses. The example of the Rutland Fairgrounds was shared and the funds it will take to address this, which could bankrupt the organization.
- Bail Reform: How difficult it is for judges to impose bail in the state of Vermont. Which continues the catch and release cycle.
- Housing: Programs available to provide grant funds/incentives to individuals to repair abandoned properties and place back for housing stock.
- Budget Adjustment Act: The BAA has been vetoed twice by the Governor. Primary concern the hotel voucher program.
- Local concerns that the state will take over the appraisal process, lack of confidence in the state for this. Disappointed that the funds for roads and bridges are nonexistent. State needs to figure out how to charge those driving electric vehicles. The state must address the healthcare issue. Disappointed that the state has pushed the healthcare costs issue off for yet another year.

V. Discussion & Action Items

- **Review Bills & Expenditures and Sign Selectboard Orders: The Selectboard reviewed and signed orders totaling: \$140,993.14.**
- **Change of Authorized Representative for Loan RF1-325-2.0 WWTF Upgrade:** Consensus to circulate and sign to make the Town Manager the authorized representative.
- **Discussion and action on making Gorham Bridge Road a Class 2:** Albert Wenta made the motion to move GBR, High St., Church St., Grove St., Park St., and Holden Ave. from Class 3 to Class 2. The motion was seconded by Linda Doty, unanimously approved.

VI. Board of Water Commissioners

Albert Wenta made the motion at 7:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Selectboard and convene the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Bruce Baccei, unanimously approved.

- Delinquent Accounts: Handout provided with update for current shutoffs. The May 27th meeting there will be a complete updated list.
- Other business: No other business.

VII. Board of Sewer Commissioners

Bruce Baccei made the motion at 7:14 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners and convene the Board of Sewer Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Jay Thorton, unanimously approved.

- Sludge Removal: Four companies are interested on bidding on the sludge removal. Bids are due May 15th.

- Other Business: No other business.

Jay Thorton made the motion at 7:16 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners and convene the Selectboard meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Baccei, unanimously approved.

VII. Departmental Reports

- Sheriff: Report provided in packet. Tickets-16/Warnings-6/Arrests-2/ Fines \$2874.00
- Town Manager: The Town Manger Report:
 - Moving GBR from Class 3 to Class 2
 - Water leak on Patch St – repaired April 9th
 - Timber Harvest – water concern, water bars will be installed at the completion of the harvest
 - Dumpsters ordered for Dump Day
 - Rotary helping clean up Beaver Pond May 17th
 - Complaints about parking on Cain St- RCSD contacted
 - Lawn damage complaints
 - Attended Municipal Management summit

IX. Old or New Business

Albert Wenta inquired about patching for sidewalks along North Street.

X. Adjourn

Bruce Baccei made the motion to adjourn the April 14, 2025 regular Selectboard meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Linda Doty, unanimously approved.