

**Select Board Meeting
Mount Holly Town Office
June 10th, 2025
6:00 pm**

Minutes

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow (via Zoom), Faith Tempest (via Zoom), Clinton Woolley, Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, Stephen Michel, June Capron, Elizabeth Karle, Dennis Devereux, James Seward, Carol Garrow Woolley, David Johnson, David Peterson (via Zoom), Robert Hood (via Zoom), Phil Crane (via Zoom).

1. Call to Order 6.15pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Jeff proposed removing 7c
4. Approval of May 13th Minutes: Diana moved, Mark second, approved
5. Reports
 - a. Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley: roads are being graded and patched despite the weather, though many are being damaged by 4 wheelers and pickup trucks. At the Transfer station the weather is hampering swapping in the new building.
 - b. Town Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Karle
 - i. Monthly Income and Expenses Report: the final payment to LMHS is coming up; cash is at its lowest point for the year, but key funds (eg asset equipment) have been transferred to the new financial year. There is little income at this time of year, key expenses are road maintenance materials which are within the budget.
 - c. Listers' Report - David Johnson: the preliminary Grand list was filed on May 27th, grievances will be on Friday June 20th. The District adviser has reviewed. The work of the Listers will be under budget for the year.
 - d. Conservation Commission Update - Phil Crane: following a successful public meeting on Star Lake the Commission will focus on work which can be completed in the coming weeks - weed pulling, bottom barriers in the swimming area and boat launch area. Other longer term work (permitting for mechanical harvesting around the lake, upgrades to the recreation area) will take place later. There may be some costs associated with dealing with trees in the recreation area which the Commission will bring to the next meeting.
6. New Business
 - a. Cota and Cota winter fuel price options: Mark Turco reviewed the three options proposed by Cota and Cota for price protection options. Diana Garrow noted that the Town normally pays by use. Mark Turco moved to continue with the existing arrangement. Seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.
 - b. Bowlsville Bridge update - David Peterson (VTrans): the bridge replacement work has been delayed due to budget constraints, but is now at the final plan stage, and will then move to contracting. Associated utility work will be done in the next year before the bridge construction work. The location of the new bridge is slightly to the west of the existing bridge, allowing the existing bridge to stay open, but requiring a new right of way. Construction is expected to start in summer 2027. Construction is fully funded through a Federal grant; the Town has a 10% contribution (approx \$53,000) related to scoping, engineering and right of way. Negotiations on right of way are ongoing with the two affected property owners. Liz Karle asked when the Town would know the specific contribution required - David Peterson clarified this would be clearer at the end June 2026. He also confirmed in response to a question from Stephen Michel that the Federal funds are fully committed since the grant has been signed.

7. Old Business

- a. Review and Post RFP for Chadburn Lane: Jeff Chase has shared a proposal for a lump sum contract and will post it on the date of the next Select Board meeting.
 - b. Review and Post RFP for Paving: Jeff Chase has prepared a proposal for Hortonville Road. Clinton Woolley clarified there is still no confirmation of the State paving grant. Jeff Chase proposed that if the grant is not received, the scope of work will be reduced.
 - c. Hiring Rutland Sheriff Dept for Traffic Enforcement: Mark Turco spoke to the Town manager of Ludlow; Ludlow PD are interested but would like to have a discussion with the Town next month to consider costs and coverage. Jeff Chase noted a price of \$3700 for a radar sign which would also collect data; he is waiting on another quote.
 - d. Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Annual Update and Approval: Jeff Chase has updated the Plan, though changes are mainly in format. Jeff Chase moved to adopt the updated LEMP, seconded by Mark Turco. Approved unanimously.
8. Citizen Comments: Dennis Devereux asked for approval for closing Church Street for the 4th July parade. Select Board members agreed to go ahead as has previously been done.
9. Announcements
- a. Town Office Closed for Juneteenth Thursday June 19th
10. Review & Sign Orders
11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed). Mark Turco moved to go into executive session, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.
12. Adjourn 7.05pm

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