

Select Board Meeting
Mount Holly Town Office
June 9th 2026
6:00 pm

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Marc Miller, Clinton Woolley, Mary Surething, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Stephen Michel, Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, June Capron, James Seward, Dennis Devereux, Paul Wellin.

Via Zoom: Morgan Collins, Donna Seward, Michael Miller,

1. Call to Order: 6.00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: none
4. Approval of May 12th, May 13th, May 20th Minutes. Diana Garrow moved to accept the minutes as written, second Mark Turco, approved unanimously.
5. Reports
 - a. Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley. Work funded through the 2026 grants-in has brought Packer Road up to compliance. Sawyer Hill Road will be next. Highway staff have undertaken flagging training, and if approved a VLCT grant will fund \$1500 for signage, with \$500 from the Town. DB Tree Works has removed the tree in Carlton cemetery, costing \$3500, rather than the \$3000 quoted. Trees at Star Lake will be removed shortly.
 - i. Review Transfer Station facilities: The inspection asked for a number of actions, but did not impose a fine. Diana Garrow asked about the burn pile: Mr Woolley noted it is difficult to monitor and proposed keeping it closed. Mark Turco stated he has been approached about keeping the construction and metal open containers but he has concerns about inappropriate materials being placed in them. Mr Woolley noted they do help Town residents. Jeff Chase asked if the Select Board should consider reversing its earlier decision to remove the open containers. Mr Turco was open to reversing the decision but is concerned about inappropriate materials and the possibility of a fine. Mr Chase noted that the cost of the open containers is half the Transfer Station budget, stickers do not cover the full costs, and proposed sticking with the agreed closure which would reduce the Town's losses. Stephen Michel asked if cameras could be used to monitor what people are depositing; Mr Turco noted that this would require power and internet. Mr Michel also asked if money is made on the metal? Mr Chase responded that the transport costs outweigh any return. Mr Turco stated that the Board would keep to its earlier decision unless Town residents petition the Select Board for a change. Paul Wellin stated his concern that residents will dispose of rubbish on the roads and burn inappropriate materials. Stephen Michel said he disagreed with the decision and the SB was penalizing the majority of Town residents.
 - ii. Hortonville Road paving RFP: Jeff Chase has posted the RFP and contacted firms directly. He asked for the RFP to be put on the Town website.
 - b. Town Treasurer Update - Marc Miller
 - i. Monthly Income and Expenses Report: Marc Miller reported that the Town is in a reasonable fiscal position for the end of the year and should not go over budget. Jeff Chase asked if culvert expenditure was correctly allocated. Mr Miller acknowledged that there is still clarification required on where and how income and expenditure is allocated. Jeff Chase asked about moving funds from retreatment to cover part of the Hortonville Road RFP, and made a motion to move the balance of the retreatment funds (approximately \$55,000) second Mark Turco, approved unanimously.
 - ii. Assistant Treasurer Appointment: Marc Miller noted has appointed Dawn Augustine as Assistant Treasurer. Mr Miller asked about purchase of a cash counting machine and whether this requires Select Board approval. Mark Turco responded that this is something which should come out of the Treasurer's office expenses budget.
 - c. Listers' Report - Mary Surething: The Listers have completed their reassessments of

property values for those which have made changes. On June 2nd letters of changes in assessment were sent out and the grievance hearing set for June 19th. The abstract has been lodged with the State. Listers have completed training.

d. Planning Commission Update - Jon McCann. Tabled in Mr McCann's absence.

6. New Business

- a. Belmont General Store liquor license. Diana Garrow moved to renew, second Mark Turco, approved unanimously.
- b. VLCT Special meeting - designation of Voting Delegate. Mark Turco moved to allow Faith Tempest to attend on behalf of the Select Board, Diana Garrow second, approved unanimously.
- c. Board of Adjustment Vacancy. Mark Turco asked for letters of interest for the vacant position (three year term) and two alternates (two year term).
- d. Renewal of contract with Rutland County Sheriff's Department: Mark Turco noted the contract is for both speed enforcement and animal control, at a cost of \$63.26 per hour, capped at \$10,880. Diana Garrow moved to accept the enforcement contract at that price, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.
- e. Fire protection Town Office and Town Garage: Clinton Woolley stated the need to update fire protection equipment in the Town Office and Town Garage. Cintas have provided a quote for new extinguishers (where needed) and annual servicing for \$190. Jeff Chase asked if this covers extinguishers in Town vehicles, Mr Woolley confirmed this. Mark Turco agreed that this was a clear priority and should come from the maintenance budget, Diana Garrow moved to accept the contract with Cintas to meet fire protection requirements, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

7. Old Business

- a. Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Annual Update and Approval: Jeff Chase noted the main changes to the plan, updating contacts and equipment. Diana Garrow moved to adopt the Plan, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.
- b. Dog License update: Carol Garrow-Woolley reported that despite follow up, seventeen owners of twenty one dogs have still not registered them. Ms Garrow-Woolley had drafted a warrant to the Sheriff's Office to impound dogs if the Select Board wishes to proceed. Mark Turco moved to send the Warrant to the Sheriff to impound dogs at the Sheriff's discretion, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.
- c. 250th anniversary events: Dennis Devereux noted that there will be a parade and bbq on the 4th of July, but also that for Vermont for Vermont the State 250th anniversary will be bigger.

8. Citizen Comments: Dennis Devereux asked about painting the intersection at the Belmont, Tarbellville crossroad and placing a stop sign. Jeff Chase noted the sign requires curbing and he will look into options, and into painting. Mark Turco agreed a four way stop is required but preliminary work needs to be done. June Capron asked if there has been any revenue from the Sheriff's department? Mark Turco responded he is trying to get the information. Faith Tempest asked about moving the radar sign; Mark Turco agreed it can be moved.

9. Announcements: Diana Garrow announced the Hazardous Waste Collection at the Transfer Station, Sat 8-10am. Carol Garrow-Woolley noted the Town office will close at 2pm on Thursday 11th June and will be closed all day on Tuesday June 23rd.

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 Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.
 - a. Highway Department Salaries

12. Adjourn

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.