



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES MARCH 18, 2026

TRANSFER STATION SITE VISIT

Selectboard Members Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Kurt Lessard.
Also Present: Kassie Hull, Brooks Wright.

1. **Call to Order** at 8:00AM.
2. **Discuss Trash Compactor Cover Options.** Options reviewed.
3. **Adjourn** at 8:45AM.

REGULAR MEETING

Selectboard Members Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Kurt Lessard.
Also Present: Kassie Hull, Steve Hamsch, Gina Lancaster, Ed Jodice, Kevin Geiger, Jonathan Vass (by phone).

4. **Call to Order** at 7:00PM.
5. **Review/Approve Minutes from March 4, 2026.** Steve Hamsch requested that item 6(B) in the March 4, 2026, minutes be amended to specifically state that (1) he made comments during the discussion and (2) he requested confirmation about whether the connector had been removed as part of the repair work. Rock stated that the minutes do not need to be rewritten but that Steve's comments will be noted here.
6. **Review Agenda.** Addition of an Access Permit for review, but is moved to next mtg.
7. **Public Comments & Other Business.** No additional public comments.
8. **New Business.**
 - A. **Quarterly Report from WRVA Representative Lynne Tracy.** Lynne reported that WRVA's audit results were favorable, and recent call numbers have been consistent. She noted that WRVA is a certified VT car seat assistance station with technicians available to educate, guide, and install car seats.
 - B. **Town Road Usage Request.** Jonathan Vass requested permission to use Sayer Hill, Royalton Turnpike, East Barnard Road, and Broad Brook Road for the Runamuck 50k on April 11, 2026. The Selectboard voted to give him permission to use the roads for runners, mark the roads with race signage, and put in an aid station and porta potty at an intersection, all pending receipt of proof of event liability insurance. Kassie will notify when received.
 - C. **Question from Two-Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission.** Kevin Geiger of TRORC explained that, until the end of the year, there is an Act 250 exemption for areas designated as Tier 1B that allows the option to build up to 50 housing units on parcels of 10 acres or fewer without Act 250 review. Without the exemption, any request of 10 units or more activates the review. Kevin asked if the town would like to request that the Tier 1B area be



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designated as such after the exemption expires. The Selectboard voted NO. Steve Hamsch made comments and asked questions during this discussion.

9. Old Business.

A. Town Meeting Election Error Correction. The 2025 Town Meeting minutes incorrectly state that Bob Edmunds, instead of Richard Lancaster, was re-elected as Selectboard member. This means that the vote for Kurt Lessard to serve the remainder of Bob's term should have been for one year instead of two years. Richard moved to resolve this error by a two-thirds vote to correct the term to be one year instead of two years. Rock seconded the motion.

B. Striping Request for Proposals. Kassie will draft an RFP for striping at the store, the town hall, and advisory shoulder across from the post office.

10. Town & Highway Orders. Approved to-date.

A. Cootey Road Repair Work. Richard Lancaster recused himself from the discussion due to a perceived conflict of interest. Steve Hamsch made comments and asked questions during this discussion. Rock and Kurt signed a letter to the Lancasters to request reimbursement of \$8,115.00 for the cost of the repair work and \$200 for the associated legal fees. Nick's inspection report confirmed that the connector was removed by the contractor. The next step is for the Lancasters to add fill, hay, and seed to the area. Nick estimates that approximately 28 yards of fill, 25-30 bales of hay, and 25 pounds of seed are needed to cover the stone. Rock told Gina to contact Nick for three site visits: before they begin the work, after the fill is in place before the hay and seed are added, and when the work is complete. Nick's final inspection will be to make sure the work is to his standard and to confirm that no connector was rebuilt.

B. Town Property Maintenance

i. Trash Cover Discussion. The Selectboard voted to secure the enclosure to the office building and for it to be posted to the ground independent of the chute. There will be a roll-top door. The Selectboard voted to accept the \$17,997.50 estimate from Brooks Wright.

ii. Library Roof Request for Proposals. The library is waiting for a response to an application for the 2026 Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries Grant to cover some funding for a new roof. Kassie will draft and post an RFP for the job. Work to be completed this year.

C. Liquor License Renewal. The Selectboard approved the second class license for Brain of J, LLC (BGS) for retail sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption.

D. VLCT Grant Opportunities. Discussion about the John Lawe Scholarship available for group training. Kassie will research a possible incident command training for various community members and groups who would be involved.

E. Transfer Station Hours. The transfer station will close at 1PM on March 28.

F. April Selectboard Meetings. The April 15th meeting is moved to April 22nd.



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G. Surplus/Deficit Policy. The Selectboard voted to not adopt a policy but to word future articles to state that if unknown, any surplus will be handled in the way that it was voted on at town meeting this year.


H. Discussion about Town-Elected Positions.

- i. **Auditor.** The Selectboard voted to advertise the need for a third Auditor.
- ii. **Trustee of Public Funds.** Confirmed that there is not a conflict of interest with the Town Treasurer being a Trustee of Public Funds.

11. Adjourn at 8:16PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise noted. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 7PM at the Town Offices.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster*


Kurt Lessard

**Signature excludes
action taken on
Articles 5 and 10(A)*

