



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES APRIL 9, 2025

Selectboard Members Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Kurt Lessard.
Attendees: Kassie Hull, Nick Stone, Wes Hennig, Christopher Piana, Jon Piana, Joseph Morel, Ken Carter, Chuck Lyman, Carin Park, Matt Stevens, Linda Treash, Gina Lancaster, Justin Lancaster, Steve Hamsch, Paige Gibbs, Margaret Edwards.

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** at 7:01PM.
2. **Review/Approve Minutes from March 19, 2025.** Approved.
3. **Review Agenda.** No additions.
4. **Public Comments & Other Business.**
 - A. The Selectboard voted to send a letter to the VT Senate Committee on Agriculture to (1) support the Administrative Officer's findings that the Feast & Field Collective's pole barn is a farm structure and (2) confirm that no grievances had been made to the SB about the structure or the collective.
 - B. The Selectboard voted to give permission to the Central VT Quad Runners to use the town's trails and to inform Nick of any trail maintenance plans.
 - C. The Selectboard voted to allow Matt Stevens to deconstruct the garden shed he built out of an old barn, currently located at 10050 VT Rte. 12.
5. **Old Business.**
 - A. **Ridgeline Review Overlay.** The Selectboard voted to hold a special election for residents to vote on this question. Date to be determined.
 - B. **Old Fire Station Lease. #1 Clarifications.** BarnArts confirmed that the area in front of the building currently is, and will always remain, a public parking lot; BarnArts and the Charles B. Danforth Library agreed to coordinate schedules so they do not host events at the same time; the Selectboard confirmed that the Town will clean out the building. **#2 Updated Lease Language.** The Selectboard voted to add the option for BarnArts to tear down the building and rebuild, and the option for BarnArts to renew for an additional 15-year period after the first 15-year term expires. This is considered a substantial change to the terms that were approved at Town Meeting, so the Selectboard voted to put the question back out to residents to vote at a special election. Date to be determined – will be the same as the vote for 5(A) above.
 - C. **Class 2 Roadway Grant.** The Selectboard voted to apply for the grant to begin a resurfacing project on the Royalton Turnpike. Kassie will submit the Class 2 Roadway Grant application along with the FY26 Structures Grant application.



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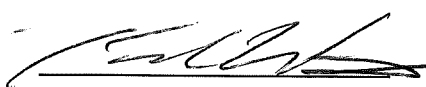
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- D. 10050 VT RTE 12 Buyout.** The Selectboard finalized the Request for Proposal for Demolition and Site Stabilization. Kassie will finalize and post it on Friday.
- E. Lafayette Event.** The Selectboard voted to close the Royalton Turnpike between Sugar House Hill and East Barnard Road for 1.5 hours on June 28, 2025, for the Lafayette event. The closure will last from 12:15PM to 1:30PM.
- F. Cootey Road Survey Update.** The road, as determined by Rock and Bob, was monumented by Holt-Gilmour as of April 3, 2025. Kassie will mail a notice of completion of survey and notice of appeal period to abutting landowners.
- G. Transfer Station Operations.** The Transfer Station summer hours will begin on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Wes committed to make a weekly trip to the Royalton Transfer Station to drop off the following items: household and car batteries, fluorescent lights, propane tanks, and electronics.
- 6. New Business**
- A. Green Up Day on May 3, 2025.** The Selectboard voted to accept 4 tires per household for free at the Transfer Station on Green Up Day.
- B. VT Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant.** The Selectboard voted to have Kassie apply for this grant for new front doors and hall floor, balcony upgrades, and handicap accessible access upgrades to the downstairs area.
- C. Liquor License for Fable Farm Fermentory, LLC.** Signed.
- 7. Town & Highway Orders.** Reviewed, approved to date. The Selectboard voted to purchase a John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor with Diamond Mower Cradle Boom and directed Nick to inquire about a municipal lease. The Selectboard voted to accept Piper Electric's bid to retrofit the drop in light fixtures in the office to LED and add a circuit.
- 8. Adjourn** at 9:46PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is April 23, 2025, at 8:10 PM, Town Hall.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster


Kurt Lessard