



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2026

These Minutes are considered a DRAFT until accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.

The Whitingham Selectboard held a regular meeting at 6:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Selectboard members present: Scott Reed, Chair; Rick Gramlin; Craig Hammer; and Lyman (Skip) Tefft.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrator; Stanley Janovsky, Jr., Road Commissioner; Joe Berard, Jack Pines ATV Club; Ryan Sanderson and Ryan Rouleau, VTCyber; Justin LaSelva, Sara Martin, Phil Edelstein, Ron Pastore, and Martin Steed, residents.

Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Changes to the agenda were noted on the meeting copy.

Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda)

Sara Martin provided outlines for the Selectboard regarding Act 181.

ATV discussion with Jack Pines ATV Club

Joe Berard, of Jack Pines Pirates ATV Club noted that the club has permission from one land owner on Lone Pine Road, and they continue working with Great River Hydro. Mr. Berard questioned why the Selectboard doesn't just close the road to ATV traffic rather than remove it from the ordinance.

A resident noted his concern about noise and speed. The only way to use Lone Pine legally would be to trailer the ATV to the road, ride it down the road and trailer it away; there is no trail access to the road at this time.

It was noted that Act 181 will affect all these trail organizations, including snowmobiles, bikes, hiking, etc.

Jack Pines agreed to post large metal "road closed to ATV traffic" signs at either end of Lone Pine Road. Mr. LaSelva would still argue to have the ordinance amended, at the time it was adopted there were no full-time residents on Lone Pine Road.

A motion was made by Scott M. Reed to close Lone Pine Road to ATV traffic, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Discussion with VT Cyber about contract rates

Ryan Sanderson of VT Cyber has been providing the town with IT/cyber security since 2020, the last price increase was in December of 2022. Since that time service inflation rates have increased by more than 13%. To account for these rising operational costs, he is requesting a 10% rate adjustment as well as the inclusion of a 3.5% annual increase moving forward.

Mr. Gramlin noted that the board is concerned about an open ended 3.5% increase, he suggested a 3-year contract to increase the 10% and then a yearly increase 3%. The board and Mr. Sanderson agreed to the suggestion. Mr. Sanderson will provide a contract for the board to sign.

Highway

Retirement of highway crew member Mike Boyd will retire in June. Mr. Janovsky recommends to the board that we start the hiring process right away.

Discuss grader Mr. Hammer had previously noted that Caterpillar has a program to revamp older equipment to like new. Mr. Janovsky has met with a representative and was told the grader is a great candidate for the program, it will get new motor, new transmission, cylinders all rebuilt, air compressors. The price is around \$230,000, which is about half of what a new one would cost. The plan is to send it in for repair at the beginning of November, it will take a few months to get it revamped. It will come back with a 3-year 5,000-mile warranty. **A motion was made by Skip Tefft to rebuild the grader, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.** Caterpillar has a payment plan; Stan will get more information.

Approval of Payables Warrant – April 2, 2026

A motion was made by Craig Hammer to approve Payables Warrant #W2640 dated April 2, 2026, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Approval of Payroll Warrant – April 2, 2026

A motion was made by Craig Hammer to approve Payroll Warrant #W2639 dated April 2, 2026, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of March 18 and 25, 2026

A motion was made by Rick Gramlin to accept the Minutes of March 18 and 25, 2026, as written, seconded by Scott M. Reed, all in favor.

Other business

The Selectboard has been invited to the EZ Riders Landowner Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, April 18th at 5:30pm here at the Municipal Center. Please RSVP if you plan on going.

Hometown Hero Banners Gig submitted an order for 29 banners, 10 have been approved by the sponsor so far, the deadline for approval is Friday morning.

Zoning and health A letter was written and sent to a property owner on the Wilmington Cross Road regarding bags of household garbage and other mess showing now that the snow has melted. If rodents get into the garbage it becomes a public health hazard. After 3 years of trying to get voluntary compliance from a property owner on Route 112 Gig asked the board to review and approve one last letter before it will need to go through the zoning violation process. They approved.

Executive session

A motion was made by Craig Hammer to enter executive session to discuss employee matters to include Gig Zboray and Stan Janovsky, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Executive session was exited at 7:38pm.

A motion was made by Craig Hammer to approve a retirement gift and a retirement party tentatively on Saturday, May 30th at 4pm at the Municipal Center, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott M Reed, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Scott Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray