



**Town of Whitingham  
Office of the Selectboard**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 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 15, 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; Don Mills and Tim Jones, Green Mountain Power; Joe Corrison, Aaron Perras, Russell Burdett, Jim Plumb, Michael Zarro, Rachel Zarro, Sara Martin, Donnie Boyd, Dennis Pike, Phil Edelstein, Howard Dix, residents; Gordon Bristol, potential owner's representative.

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

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. We are going to move hearing of visitors to after Green Mountain Power and move the appointment of a Selectboard member to the end of the meeting. There is no recording of this meeting, it was discovered that the mic was off.

**Meet with Green Mountain Power, follow up of 2/18 meeting**

Since the February 18<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting, Tim Jones of Green Mountain Power has met with Mr. Janovsky to confirm/update the scope of work and the specific road rebuild materials required. GMP has updated the agreement to note that the Town is specifying CMP for culverts and that they will do headers/footers if requested. Mr. Janovsky noted that a correction was necessary on this contract to change the depth of gravel from 3" to 6". Mr. Jones handwrote the change. **A motion was made by Scott M. Reed to approve and sign the contract as corrected, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.**

**Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda)**

Aaron Perras feels that one resident on Lone Pine Road should not dictate the use of ATVs on Lone Pine Road, the rest of the neighbors are here tonight (except 2). After much discussion, Mr. Janovsky suggested that we open Lone Pine Road back to ATVs and ask the residents to join Jack Pines Pirates requiring members to register their ATVs and have insurance. This group of residents will petition the board to open the road. Gig will review the Ordinance and follow up.

### **Highway Garage: discuss and decide on an Owner's Project Manager**

We were surprised that construction companies responded to the RFP for a construction manager. Many of us thought that we would be getting an individual to act on our behalf, not preselling the project to a construction company. Mr. Reed and Gig had met with Gordon Bristol who served as "clerk of the works" on the school's construction project. His services seem to be more in line with what board members understood a construction manager would be. Mr. Bristol said his fee is an hourly rate of \$60 per hour. To get us to the bond vote and choosing our construction manager (company) his hourly rate would amount to under \$15,000. Mr. Bristol will provide us a firm price on the project so that we can go to bond vote, after the bond vote it would go out to bid for construction. He gave us a run-down of some of the projects he has done recently. He will come up with a list of deliverables/contract for the board to consider.

### **Highway:**

Grader Caterpillar continues to work on a proposal and payment plan, as soon as it arrives Mr. Janovsky will forward it to the Selectboard.

create a hiring committee the Selectboard will be the hiring committee.

### **Approval of Payables Warrant – April 16, 2026**

**A motion was made by Skip Tefft to approve Payables Warrant #W2642 dated April 16, 2026, seconded by Scott M. Reed, all in favor.**

### **Approval of Payroll Warrant – April 16, 2026**

**A motion was made by Craig Hammer to approve Payroll Warrant #W2641 dated April 16, 2026, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.**

### **Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2026**

Mr. Janovsky noted a correction regarding the discussion of the grader that it should be 5,000 hour warranty, not a 5,000 mile warranty. **A motion was made by Rick Gramlin to accept the Minutes of April 1, 2026, as corrected, seconded by Scott M. Reed, all in favor.**

### **Other business**

Simon Operations There was a brief scare last week that we might lose our Chief Operator because Simon couldn't provide backup; but that has since all been worked out.

Cyber Security Contract Gig has some questions/concerns with the new contract, she asked VTCyber some questions and they agreed to make some changes. When the contract is updated comes in can Gig sign it or do you want it on the next agenda? Gig can sign.

Screen for Selectboard office we received an estimate of \$1,196.97 to install a 65" screen, movable stand, surge protection, technology to wirelessly cast onto the new screen, and training on how to use the equipment. The board approved the purchase.

Sewer hauling reimbursement Do we want to use CDS grant money to reimburse us for the hauling expenses incurred during the breakdown? The board agreed that is probably a good idea, it may take years for the issue to be resolved. Gig to talk to the CDS people to make sure we can do it.

Blanchard Cemetery Great River Hydro will not allow ATVs on the trail for maintenance access. They offered to have their crew clean up the cemetery and put flags on the Veterans graves. The Selectboard agreed to let them do it.

**Potentially appoint to fill vacancy on Selectboard**

**A motion was made by Skip Tefft to appoint Dennis Pike, Sr. to serve on the Selectboard until the next town election, seconded by Scott M. Reed, 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 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray