



**Town of Whitingham  
Office of the Selectboard**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2026,**

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The Whitingham Selectboard held a special meeting at 8am in the Selectboard Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Selectboard members present: Scott M. Reed, Chair; Rick Gramlin, Dennis Pike, and Lyman (Skip) Tefft.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrator; Stanley Janovsky, Road Commissioner; Gordon Bristol, owner's representative, Diane Abate of Stevens & Associates.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 8am. There were no changes to the agenda.

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

None.

**Highway: review Construction Managers proposals and make a decision**

The board received updated proposals from DEW and GPI, both changed their pricing percentages (lowered) since they submitted their original proposals in the spring.

DEW did the school project; it came in on time and within budget. Some of the things at the school were not designed well, but DEW built per the plans, which then later required change orders.

Some were concerned about the cost of change orders, DEW will be 3.4% and GPI 3.5%. Mr. Bristol noted that if a project has \$100,000 in change orders the cost is only \$1,500, so he suggests we don't get caught up in the percentages.

Mr. Janovsky said that at the end of the day when the project is complete, if we can show the taxpayers we came in under budget they will be happy.

Mr. Gramlin feels DEW, as a larger company, has more depth to address any issues that might come up. Mr. Tefft agreed saying they have more resources to correct it.

Some concern was expressed that DEW is a large company and this project is just a small project compared to others they take on annually. Mr. Bristol noted that he recently completed a \$1.5M project with DEW and they give it all the attention it needed. He had asked both companies to

provide a cost estimate so that we had a number for the bond vote, DEW was able to provide it, GPI was too busy.

Mr. Janovsky noted that if we weren't under the gun for construction next year, he would favor GPI. But he wasn't certain they could get the metal building plans quickly enough. DEW said they could have the foundation plans within two weeks.

Mr. Reed is concerned that DEW might not use local sub-contractors. Mr. Bristol said he will be involved and make sure the DEW does. If the local subcontractor is too small to complete a large project it could be broken up to allow the smaller company to bid on it.

After more discussion **a motion was made by Rick Gramlin to award the Construction Manager bid to DEW, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.**

#### **Other business**

The bond informational meeting will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, before the regular Selectboard meeting. The board will hold their "regular" meeting at 5:30.

#### **Adjourn**

Scott M. Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
~Gig Zboray