Minutes

Town of Plymouth, Vermont

Select Board - Regular Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Municipal Building Meeting Room

Board Members Present:	Jay Kullman	Rick Kaminski	Keith Cappellini
Staff Present (or Zoom):	Angela Kissell	Cherry Nicoll	Beth Graves Lombard
Others Present:	Dave Olster		
Other Zoom Attendees:	Richard Ruggiano	Gib Hentschke	Mike Coleman

1. Call to Order:

a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Jay Kullman.

2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions or Removals to Agenda:

a. Jay Kullman added the following to the agenda:
   i. Pepper Tepperman -vs- Town
   ii. Bridge Update

3. Approve Meeting Minutes:

a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to approve May 19, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. Citizen Comments:

a. No comments

5. Board to Review and Possibly Approve BIDs for 11 Road & Bridge Repair Projects:

a. Jay Kullman began the discussion by stating that these are FEMA pay and that we followed our Purchasing Policy.
b. Rick Kaminski started by saying that there were 11 Projects that FEMA approved. Larry, Cherry and I reviewed all the BIDs. One contractor was disqualified because his BIDs came in late. Rick went on to say that there were four (4) contractors who submitted over 30 BIDs in total for all 11 projects. The approval / recommendation process was based on certain criteria that is as follows: Looking at BIDs – compared to the FEMA detailed estimate/cost and getting the biggest bank for our buck. He looked at the workload of the contractors. Some of the contractors have other projects going on in Town. We looked at the experience of the contractor as well as the technical needs of each job. Rick

used Jeff Sailer as an example when referring to the stabilization project on Hale Hollow. He said that Jeff Sailer did a similar project years ago and did a fantastic job on it. He added that we have approximately four (4) months to get all these jobs done – we have to be out of the rivers by October 1st. The following recommendations are as follows:

i. Daniels Construction: Frog City Bridge #33
Frog City Small Bridge
Scout Camp Road Bridge #17
Total BIDs **$152,700.00**

ii. Mike Lynds Excavation & Landscaping: Griffin Road Bridge #41
Hale Hollow Bridge #31
Total BIDs **$113,925.00**

iii. Sailer Construction: Dead End Road Bridge #34
Dublin Road Bridge
Hale Hollow Road Slope Failure
Total BIDs **$213,450.00**

iv. Waters Excavation: Scout Camp Road Bridge #46
Apple Hill Road Bridge #32
Paille Road Bridge #48
Total BIDs **$572,765.00**

c. Keith Cappellini posed a few questions pertaining to the BIDs such as do we have the money? What happens if we start the jobs and we are not funded? Can we do a few at a time? Are some more important than others? What is the difference between obligated versus non-obligated?
d. Cherry Nicoll answered that we have not received the funds for this project yet. Most of the FEMA projects we receive 50%-70% funding and we only have three (3) projects left where we have not received the money. She also noted that the funds have not been obligated yet so they're not at the State. She will check in with FEMA to see about the funds being obligated.
e. Jay Kullman added that we have a contract with FEMA and that he is not worried. We also have the MERP grant where the funds should be coming in soon. Jay concluded with, we have it covered.
f. Richard Ruggiano commented on his experience with the dam project and delays.
g. Rick Kaminski discussed the deadlines for these projects and said that we should move forward.
h. **Jay Kullman made a motion to approve the BIDs as Rick Kaminski outlined. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. Board to Hire/Announce Assessor Assistant:

a. Select Board held off on making a decision as they received additional Resumes and wanted to review and possibly set-up an interview.

7. Update from Assessors' Office:

a. Jay Kullman read the letter that the Assessors' Office drafted. It outlined that the Abstract Grand List had been lodged and that the Grievance Hearings will take place on June 12, 2025, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

8. Other Business:

a. Jay Kullman gave an update on the fact that the Town has incurred $10,000 in legal fees to defend its position in the lawsuit filed by Pepper Tepperman. Jay added that the Town Attorney filed a Motion to Dismiss and going after the Plaintiff for legal fees incurred.

b. Jay Kullman gave a bridge update on the road/bridge closures which were outlined in a previous meeting with VTrans.
c. Rick Kaminski did note that the expansion of the 100A bridge would be a project due to the topography.
d. Jay Kullman wanted to know if the Select Board wanted to make an official response to the letter from VTrans. The board did not feel that it would matter.
e. Dave Olster asked if there was going to be any funding from the State if we have to have additional staff on for EMS coverage.
f. Angela Kissell answered, no. She inquired with VTrans and Leah Beckett said they will not give any money.
g. There was a brief discussion about the microphone system between Select Board and Patrick from Okemo Valley TV.

9. Sign Warrants and Review Mail:

10. Possibly Next Select Board Meeting Date:

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

12. Executive Session:

a. None

13. Adjourn:

a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Kissell
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

Select Board

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Jay Kullman, Chair Rick Kaminski, Vice-Chair

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Keith Cappellini