

Preliminary Minutes

Town of Plymouth, Vermont

Select Board - Regular Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Municipal Building Meeting Room

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	Jay Kullman	Rick Kaminski	Keith Cappellini
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Angela Kissell	Beth Graves (zoom)	Cherry Nicoll (zoom)
<u>Others Present:</u>	Rick Martin	Dave Olster	
<u>Zoom Attendees:</u>	Jim Berkman Keegan Carol Goodwin	Henry Blackburn Chelsea Adams	Alexhander Mahone Midge Tucker

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Jay Kullman.
2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions or Removals to the Agenda:
 - a. Rick Kaminski wanted to add After Hour Road Emergencies under Other Business.
3. Citizen Comments:
 - a. Rick Martin asked where the Town was with the Speed Limit Signs.
 - b. Jay Kullman responded that he was waiting for a grant to open back up at end of year to save the taxpayer dollars.
 - c. Dave Olster commented that the building looks great.
4. Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - a. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from July 7, 2025. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
 - b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the Emergency Meeting minutes from July 22, 2025. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. Discussion on New FEMA Funds:
 - a. Jay Kullman talked about new FEMA funds that were available, and our County is eligible for them for any unmet needs. He noted that he looked thru the slides and felt that Town did a great job and that he cannot think of anything that we could use it for. He also asked Rick Kaminski about it and Rick couldn't think of anything at that time. Funds are available for low to moderate income housing needs and that isn't a Select Board thing, but it is out there if someone wants to pursue it.

6. Updates on Timelines for the FEMA Road Repairs:

- a. Rick Kaminski updated that the Hale Hollow Slope Failure was completed on time a looks good, Jeff Sailer did a good job and got the road open like he said he was going to.
- b. Rick said, Round Top repairs are complete; however, it still needs paving which will be done this month as Pike will be in Town doing other roads for us.
- c. Rick also added that Dead End Road is complete. He added that Jeff Sailer has a small job of his own to do then he will go to McDonald Road which will be a couple weeks of work that needs to be done by September 1, 2025. Then in September he will be going to Dublin Road.
- d. Rick added that Daniles will be working on Frog City Road mid-September and then they are going to go to the Day Beach on Scout Camp Road.
- e. Waters has a tentative date to work on Apple Hill for mid-August and then they will go to Paille Bridge in September.
- f. Rick updated the that big bridge on Scout Camp Road which is a very significant undermine with that retaining wall is on hold because of an archeological dig requirement so he is not sure if it is going to happen this year or not. We have been wrestling with FEMA about that process but can't push a rope up hill.
- g. Lastly, Mike Lynds is working on Hale Hollow this week and it looks like he has his projects pretty much wrapped up after that.
- h. Dave Olster asked if any of the projects were going to shut the roads down for any length of time?
- i. Rick Kaminski said, no.
- j. Rick did give an update on Route 100A Bridge. He said that they should be completed on schedule, if not a day ahead. There are two retaining walls set on both ends and they're beginning to back fill, and the deck planks are sitting on two flatbed trailers, and the crane is coming back on Thursday to set those.
- k. Rick concluded that he was very impressed by their work. He said it is a tough job, and they are working hard.

7. Update on the Building and the MERP Team:

- a. Jay Kullman wanted to know if we were going to do a follow-up blower door test to see how the work turned out.
- b. Rick Kaminski said that we can, and he was going to make a note of it.
- c. Jay thought that MERP would pay for that. He said you would think that since they accessed the building before that they would want to after the work is completed.

8. Update on Bridge 116 and Contacting Bridgewater:

- a. Jay Kullman spoke about the bridge closure on 100 by Markowski's pit. He reached out to Select Board member, Steve Tarlton from Bridgewater. He noted that there is support from certain individuals from the State but haven't heard a lot of feedback overall. Jay asked us to post the letter in the Town Office that they wrote to the Governor.

9. Discussion, Review, and Possibly Approve RFP for Community Center Parking Lot:

- a. Rick Kaminski, last month, addressed the need to pave the parking lot at the Community Center. Pike Industries, Inc. is going to be in Town later this month doing some paving, so Larry solicited a proposal from them, and it was \$24,779.95 and then Angela got a proposal from Twin State Paving, LLC. which appears to be the same scope and that was for \$20,045.00.
- b. Rick Martin asked if we got one from Wilk Paving, which we did not.

- c. Rick Kaminski said that the real question is, who is going to pay for it.
- d. Jay Kullman asked if there were funds in Larry's budget?
- e. Rick responded that the paving budget is committed this year so it would have to go into next year's budget.
- f. The plan is to revisit this around March of next year and see what the budget numbers are then. If there is money left over maybe we can commit to it.
- g. Rick Martin asked if the damage to parking lot was flood-related and if so, could any of the new grant money be used.
- h. Jay thought it was a good idea and was going to go look through the slides again to see.

10. New Fire Truck Received and in Service for Town:

- a. Angela Kissell said that the new fire truck is in service. Everything was transitioned into the new truck and it has been on two calls already. She also added that the old pumper has been sold and the fire department received \$5,000.00 for it.

11. Board to Sign Bill of Sale for 1990 Fire Department Pumper:

- a. Jay Kullman signed Title as well as Bill of Sale paperwork for pumper to be sold to Buck Adams.

12. Discussion and/or Approval of Maintenance Around Town of Plymouth Signs:

- a. There was a discussion around the four (4) Town of Plymouth signs. They have become a little faded and are buried under overgrown bushes. The Select Board agreed that it would be nice to freshen them up. Angela informed the Select Board that Andy Crossman was still willing to volunteer his time to repaint/touch up the signs, but would charge, per hour, to dress up around them. Jeff Sailer is willing to donate the stone to rebuild/build up the platform that is already there. This will provide for a better appearance as you come into Town.

13. Other Business:

Rick Kaminski wanted to talk about "after hours road emergencies". It was discussed should the highway crew carry a separate phone or should we have an answering service as well as other options. After much discussion it sounds as though nothing will change at this time. Rick Kaminski's name and phone number is on the website as Road Commissioner and if he is called, he will make the determination on whether or not it is an emergency.

14. Sign Warrants and Review Mail:

15. Next Select Board Meeting:

- a. September 8, 2025

16. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

17. Executive Session:

- a. N/A

18. Adjourn:

- a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

Select Board

Jay Kullman, Chair

Rick Kaminski, Vice-Chair

Keith Cappellini