



Regular Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Selectboard Members Present: Michael Morgan, Vice Chair (remote); Diane Barrows, Clerk; Leland Morgan, Member; Betsy Paret, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: Darren Adams, Chair;

Staff Present: Chris Taylor, Town Manager; Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Amber N. Baker, Deputy Town Manager and Finance Director; John Bartlett, HR and Operations Director; Kristin Beers, Town Clerk; Allyssa Downs, Public Works Project Manager; Kaitlyn Tice, Administrative Assistant;

Others Present: Henry Bonges; Kary O'Brien Towne, Don Turner Jr. Award Committee; Sean Tatro; Cheryl Persitz; Jeff Persitz; Larry Luby; Joseph Duquette; Deb Russell; Samantha Leveston; Christopher Hart; David Russell; Shannon Gunderson, Milton Independent (remote); Lonnie Poland (remote)

I. Call to Order

D. Barrows called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Barrows led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review

No changes.

IV. Public Forum

None.

V. Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Selectboard Meeting Minutes of 07.06.2026**
- **Approval of Warrant #AP-02**
- **Approval of Supplemental Warrant: Quarterly Water & Sewer Bills**

Motion made by L. Morgan to approve the Consent Agenda as stated, with a second by B. Paret. D. Barrows addressed some concerns about the warrant, including the cost of the fireworks show. The Selectboard approved a cost of \$25,000, but the amount paid was \$30,000. A. Baker clarified that the resolution allowed for higher spending if offset by donations, and that prior year deferred revenue covered the difference. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VI. Don Turner Jr. Award

Kary O'Brien Towne, Don Turner Jr. Award Committee Clerk

K. O'Brien Towne reported that the committee received 8 nominations involving 48 individuals. The 2026 recipient names will remain confidential until National Night Out.

Don Turner Jr. Award 2026 Recipient

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton formally recognizes individuals who have significantly enhanced the Milton community through their commitment, leadership and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton Selectboard acknowledges that the process approved by the Selectboard to form the Don Turner Jr. Award Committee to achieve a consistent and transparent selection process is applied annually to community nominees; and

WHEREAS, the nominations are submitted by Milton community members who have found the nominees to be exemplary in their commitment to serve the Milton community; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Beaudoin-Valyou and Jody Valyou are lifelong Milton residents whose dedicated volunteer service through the Arrowhead Senior Citizens Center (ASCC) has strengthened community connections and enriched the lives of residents of all ages. Together, they have provided steadfast leadership, ensuring continuity, stability, and a welcoming environment during times of organizational transition; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Jody devote countless volunteer hours to planning, organizing, and supporting programs and services that benefit the Milton community, including collaborations with organizations such as AARP, Age Well, UVM Medical Center Family Health, the Milton Historical Society, the Milton Family Community Center, the Milton School District, local churches, the Milton Recreation Department, the American Red Cross, and many others. Their efforts have helped make educational programs, health and wellness services, community events, intergenerational activities, blood drives, food assistance programs, and volunteer opportunities accessible to residents throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Jody consistently lead by example through their hands-on commitment to serving others. Whether coordinating volunteers, preparing meals, setting up and cleaning up events, maintaining the Arrowhead Senior Citizens Center, welcoming new participants, or ensuring programs run smoothly, they demonstrate extraordinary compassion, generosity, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts with the ASCC, Cindy and Jody foster inclusion, reduce social isolation, and inspire others to become active participants in strengthening the Milton community. They connect the aging population to the community, which is a lifesaving activity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Town of Milton and its community, the Town of Milton Selectboard expresses sincere gratitude to Cindy Beaudoin-Valyou and Jody Valyou, for their service to the community.

Motion made by B. Paret to accept the recommendation from the Don Turner Jr. Award Committee for the 2026 recipients as presented, with a second by L. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Energy Report

Henry Bonges

H. Bonges presented two energy initiatives. First, he proposed a "plug-in solar" pilot program, requesting \$9,000 for the Town to purchase and evaluate three test systems for community demonstration. The Board expressed concerns regarding the Town's role in purchasing hardware and potential competition with private installers.

Second, H. Bonges discussed a potential battery storage project. C. Taylor and the Board emphasized that any such project on Town land must follow a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process and consider impacts on recreational areas.

VIII. Approval to Include Justice of the Peace Candidates on November Mailed Ballot

Kristin Beers, Town Clerk

K. Beers requested approval to include local Justice of the Peace candidates on the general election ballot to avoid the costs and confusion of a separate mailing and election.

Motion made by B. Paret to approve including local justice of the peace candidates on the November election ballot which is mailed to all active registered voters in Milton, with a second by L. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

IX. Award Bid for Phosphorus Control Project

Allyssa Downs, Public Works Project Manager

A. Downs presented this request, as per the following resolution:

Award Contract for the Phosphorous Control Plan Sawyer Avenue, Bear Trap Road and Cadreact Road Stormwater Treatment Projects

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, Krebs and Lansing Consulting Engineers issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for The Town of Milton's Phosphorous Control Plan Sawyer Avenue, Bear Trap Road, and Cadreact Road Stormwater Treatment Projects, soliciting bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to install stormwater infiltration chambers within the Town's right of way; and

WHEREAS, bids were due to the Department of Public Works no later than 12:00 PM, July 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town received two (2) responsive bids by the submission deadline as follows:

- All Seasons Excavating: \$126,240.00
- Bevins and Sons, Inc: \$159,007.55

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposals and recommends awarding the contract to All Seasons Excavating as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$126,240.00, with funding to be provided 80% through the ARPA CWF-MS4 Grant and 20% through the Town's Stormwater Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selectboard authorizes the Town Manager or their designee to execute the necessary documents to award the contract for the Phosphorous Control Plan Sawyer Avenue, Bear Trap Road and Cadreact Road Stormwater Treatment Projects to All Seasons Excavating, in an amount not to exceed \$126,240.00, with project costs to be funded 80% through the ARPA CWF-MS4 Grant and 20% through the Town's Stormwater Fund.

Motion made by L. Morgan to authorize the Town Manager or their designee to execute the necessary documents to award the contract for the Phosphorous Control Plan Sawyer Avenue, Bear Trap Road and Cadreact Road Stormwater Treatment Projects to All Seasons Excavating, in an amount not to exceed \$126,240.00, with project costs to be funded 80% through the ARPA CWF-MS4 Grant and 20% through the Town's Stormwater Fund, with a second by B. Paret. Motion approved unanimously.

X. Approval to Apply for PACIF Safety Grant

Amber N. Baker, Deputy Town Manager and Finance Director

A. Baker requested authorization to apply for a \$10,000 safety grant for security cameras at the basketball courts, ambulance cameras, Department of Public Works cameras, and police range hearing protection.

Motion made by B. Paret to authorize staff to submit a 2026 PACIF grant application on behalf of the Town, with a second by L. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

XI. Hunting Ridge Update

Chris Taylor, Town Manager

C. Taylor provided a timeline of code enforcement actions at a property on Hunting Ridge Lane. He noted that since the last meeting, a vehicle was towed and the property owner participated in a site visit with zoning staff. Neighbors D. Russell, L. Luby, and S. Leveston acknowledged improvements, while expressing ongoing concerns regarding street parking, oil stains, and potential unauthorized home businesses. C. Taylor committed to establishing better communication with neighbors regarding progress.

XII. Update from Town Manager and Board Members

Chris Taylor, Town Manager

- Water Shut-Off: C. Taylor thanked residents for their patience during a successful overnight water system repair.
- Phosphorus Study: The Town will partner with UVM and Winooski High School for a one-year phosphorus monitoring study in the Town Forest marsh beginning in August.
- Board Vacancies: Positions are available on the Conservation Commission, DRB, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Don Turner Jr. Committee, and Economic Development Commission.
- Staffing: J. Bartlett introduced Kaitlyn Tice as the new shared administrative assistant for Human Resources and Recreation.

XIII. Executive Session

Not needed.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion made by L. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., with a second by B. Paret. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by D. Barrows.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

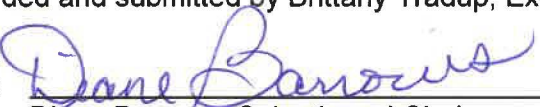
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Minutes recorded and submitted by Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

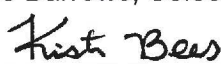
APPROVED
MINUTES:


Diane Barrows, Selectboard Clerk

Date

8/3/26

ATTEST:


Milton Town Clerk

8/4/26
Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.