Town of Addison Selectboard Meeting Minutes

The Town of Addison Selectboard meeting was held on Tuesday January 6, 2026 at 7:00PM at the Addison Community Center located at 121 VT RTE 17 West, Addison.

Attendance- Jeff Kauffman Sr, Terry Phillips, Star Phillips, Geoffrey Grant, Roger Waterman, Bryan Nolan, Alma Briggs, Peter Briggs, Dan Rosignol, John Spencer, Carrie Kauffman, E. Armstrong, Alden Harwood, Keith Craig, Annie Craig, Rob Hunt, Steve Torrey, Peter Macfarlane, Erin Cashman, Michael Hollis, Cheri Waterman

Call to Order- *7pm Jeff Kauffman Sr*
Additions and Changes to the Agenda- *None*
TOWN BUSINESS OF HIGHWAY & CLERK/TREASURER
Approve minutes: December 2, 2025 Motion to approve with amendment of Western Star not a Mack truck that was sold Peter Briggs | Rob Hunt 5,0
Highway

- *None*

Appointments

- Dog Warden- *E. Armstrong asks what is required for position*

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- *None*

Approve Bills/Invoices Paid and Due: General and Highway Roger Waterman | Rob Hunt 5,0
Approve Timesheets/Payroll: Highway Rob Hunt | Geoffrey Grant 5,0
Approve Timesheets/Payroll: General Rob Hunt | Geoffrey Grant 4, 1 abstain ,0
Updates
Miscellaneous Board Business

- Ballot items: Establish Highway Building Maintenance Reserve Funds (combining funds that are currently separate) *Motion to approve addition to the ballot Peter Briggs | Rob Hunt 5, 0*

  Disband Cemetery Commission - VLCT suggests town vote to disband which would place authority for roles and responsibilities back with Selectboard- *John Spencer asks to delay disbandment for 1 year because he would like to run for the position and he has another one or two townspeople also considering. As a result of the discussion- no action will be taken by the board to disband at this time.*
- Changing distribution of Town reports- *many districts are moving to an online report, or otherwise perhaps only provide reports for those who request a copy which would save money. E. Armstrong wishes for no changes to be made. John Spencer suggests just issuing reports to the homesteads (437) and send card to everyone for others (summer homes) Motion to alter distribution procedures* Roger Waterman | Rob Hunt 5, 0
- Discuss Sheriff's Patrolling- *nothing has changed regarding concerns over times of patrol and productivity, as such will not renew contract after finishing this spring. Motion to approve change Geoffrey Grant | Rob Hunt 5,0*

Selectboard Concerns
ALL OTHER TOWN BUSINESS

Updates from Committees

Planning Commission:

- Reports- *Town plan should be finished within the next month or two. In the process of filing for another grant of time extension which provides margin to finish.*

Delinquent Tax collector:

- *Monthly report- before rolled over in Nov. collectibles down to $8,578 (Primarily campers) Will likely be requesting an abatement hearing on some of these accounts. $127,858 added now after adding 2025 taxes.*
- *Term of office- Alden requests considering altering term to 3 years. Alden provides communication from VLCT that suggests either moving to 3 years or an appointed position. Motion to allow a vote on spring ballot to ask voters to approve a 3 year term which would occur in 2027. Roger Waterman | Rob Hunt 5,0*

Listers:

- Reports- *Completed residential, will be beginning with farms and agricultural properties soon.*

Town Hall:

- Reports- *Requesting funds for Town Hall Fund- this would allow them to send more RPFs for maintenance on areas of Town Hall Building*

Emergency Management:

- Reports- *None*

Transportation Advisory:

- Reports- *None*

DRB:

- Reports- *3 applications two for conditional use which were approved, and 1 which turned out to not need DRB*

ZA:

- Reports- *end of year report provided but Clerk did not provide for meeting, will gather and send to board and it will be placed in annual town report*

Facility Rental Committee:

- *None*

Community Center:

- *None*

Miscellaneous Added

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Selectboard Concerns

Public Comment

E. Armstrong comments that the Town Hall building has been lit and decorated commemorating lives lost and is looking into getting a historical site sign to be placed roadside for the Town Hall Building. She comments that she desires to apply for grants to locate funds which could help preserve the building. Wishes for our community to come together in unity and have productive conversations regarding buildings and changes for the future- historical site may host potluck to invite town people to converse and connect over issues regarding all town buildings. She thanks Jeff Kauffman Sr for all the roles he plays helping within the town, but expresses opinion that his role on Selectboard in conjunction with all others etc., may be too much.

Mike Hollis- *Reports that emails for town offices, board, committees etc will eventually be moved into a .gov address. For security and credential validation. Ideally this will start occurring within the next several weeks.*

Executive Session If Needed- *Motion for executive session citing that premature general public knowledge regarding labor relations would place the town at a substantial disadvantage Roger Waterman | Rob Hunt 5,0*
Motion to enter and invite *Motion to enter session and to invite Dan Rosignol for ZA and Alden Harwood for DRB Roger Waterman | Rob Hunt 5, 0*

Adjourn- *Motion to adjourn Roger Waterman/Rob Hunt 5,0*

Selectboard Budget work meeting- *Waiting to get final numbers for the 2026 budget*