Minutes

Addison Selectboard November 10, 2026

Present: Jeff Kauffman, Sr., Marty Haitz, Terry Phillips, Starr Phillips, Elizabeth Armstrong, Brett Barbur, Dan Rossignol, Geoffrey Grant, Peter Briggs (phone) Chris Stackhouse, Peter Macfarlane, Steve Torrey, Bryan Nolan, Roger Waterman, John Spencer, Kay Mitchell, Chris Carella (phone)

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:31PM

The board moved to add the Emergency Management and Transportation Advisory reports, and a request from the Town Hall Committee. R/G 4 in favor, 1 abstain

Approve Minutes October 6 R/G 5 in favor Elizabeth objected to the minutes because of conflict of interest in putting Carol Kauffman on the facilities rental committee. October 19 R/G 4 in favor, 1 abstain

Highway: Bryan introduce Chase Atkins as the new highway employee. Bryan has 3 candidates for the second position and wanted to know if the board wanted to interview them. The board consensus was to allow Bryan to conduct the interviews and present his choice to the board.

He reported that blades and carbide for the trucks have risen 300%, gravel to rise 12%, chloride perhaps up 40%.

Bryan suggested we investigate a small car for highway use to save wear and tear on the truck and save on fuel costs. The board was amenable to this idea.

Bryan is getting prices on a reframe for the 2006 truck. Running gear is good, but frame is cracking and a new bed is needed.

Bryan asked about his vacation time and how it could be compensated because he may not have time to use it this year.

Jeff handed out the BCBS insurance rates for the employees. The policies will need to be decided at the December meeting

The board briefly talked about the possibility of tax payment and referred to a letter from the Addison Town Clerk and the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk. It was decided to wait until next month when we could get the Ferrisburgh Town clerk to join us at the meeting.

The Planning Commission asked the board to appoint Brett Barbur to the empty Planning seat. G/R All in favor

The listers presented an Errors and Omissions statement to approve. This was a reappraisal report done by the state for the Marina. G/R 4 in favor, 1 abstain

John Spencer reported that work on the roof of the Town Hall building will begin soon for a couple days and then resume in the spring.

Chris Stackhouse previously sent a letter asking the Board to approve using Town Hall funds to bring the MURF fund back to $4000. Disposition for this grant was approved last month. After discussion, motion approved. R/G 5 in favor.

Marty reported that the Mitigation Plan was in the final review stage with Vermont Emergency Management.

He also reported that the Better Roads transportation grants are not financially viable for our current needs.

Marty reported on his interaction with ACRPC concerning the Town Plan. This was discussed and explained.

Jeff reported that the work on the HV systems is continuing, Extinguishers are scheduled for inspection in November, and the rental requests are increasing. A calendar with incomes was presented to the board.

Bills: General and Highway R/G 3 in favor, 2 Abstain

Timesheets/Highway: G/R 3 in favor, 2 Abstain

Timesheets/general: Hold until December

Selectboard Concerns: Geoffrey asked what wrong with the Town Hall foundation and if we had a cost number for that. A number was not readily available, but Geoffrey would like it available for budgeting.

Public comment:

Elizabeth: Asked Bryan if he would mix slat and sand to cut costs

Voiced opposition to town buying a car and suggested that Bryan consolidate trips.

Asked for a lister meeting to explain what the town would do with the double income from the reappraisal. (This was explained that we would not have double income)

Again stressed that Carol should not be on the facility rental Committee because it is illegal and needs to be investigated by the Ethics committee.

Began to report on cemeteries, demanded a report from the cemetery committees and talked about a grant. At this point, jeff stopped her and asked for other comment.

Motion to adjourn R/G all in favor

Jeff Kauffman