

Minutes of the General Wait House Commission Meeting

5 PM, Monday, June 2, 2025

Waitsfield Town Office and Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM

Present: Ann Marie Harmon, Vee Lynch, York Haverkamp, Richard Backus, Misha Golfman

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Tenants Report

Generally, everything is going well for the tenants. Update on the projector is that there will be a TV on a stand instead. This way there will be no alterations to the interior. Misha confirmed that the tenants agreed and it will be on everyone's 2026 budget.

Misha stated that the three electric bikes are in place and the exterior outlet is installed. The three canoes are hanging inside the connector from the ceiling and cannot be seen from the outside. The best thing is that they are out of the sunlight.

The metal sculpture is still there.

Short Term Committee Report

Richard and Gib are currently working on getting a new exhaust fan for the tenants' bathroom. Richard inquired as to whether we wanted one that included a light. It was decided to not have a light. Misha sent Richard a link to a quiet exhaust fan. York will bring the cost before the Selectboard for approval. Richard will provide a quote to York for the installation of the exhaust fan.

York received an invoice for the electrical work and will pay that shortly.

York said that he was looking into the cost of the cleaning as we have gone over budget already.

It was decided that this Wednesday, AnnMarie, Fred and York will meet with Sandy and Steve to discuss the budget layout so that we can have a better understanding of what is there.

There was a question regarding the heat and the location of the controls. Richard stated that he would investigate the furnace and come to the next meeting with a report on how to program it so it can run more efficiently.

The new ADA ramp and parking space is scheduled to be completed on June 9.

York confirmed that the repair of the lift has been scheduled with Otis. He will confirm this for the next meeting.

The roof project is scheduled for after the painting project is completed, sometime in August. York informed the commissioners that the SB has approved of the additional 4" foam that will be added to the roof over the house addition (Beth's office). This should cut down on the amount of heat that is in her office each summer. The total height of the roof will be 5" taller than it is now. Gib selected the color to be "Aged Cedar" which is a gray color. The company gave us an outstanding deal because of the location of the house they are hoping it will be excellent marketing for them to encourage more projects in the area.

Long Term Committee

There was a discussion regarding the proposed resolution by the Waitsfield Historical Society to have a new celebration in Waitsfield called "Settlement Day" on the last Sunday of every June for the purpose of raising awareness of the history of our founding families. Misha stated that it is very important to also recognize the native peoples and currently, there is nothing in the resolution that mentions the Abenaki Nation. AnnMarie offered to contact a friend of hers who is from the Abenaki Nation and to get her ideas. Perhaps she can confirm the activities of the Abenaki before the Wait family settled here.

It was noted that the Historic House Tour fundraiser was postponed until next June due to the observation that there was not enough time to really do an outstanding tour. It is important that the first tour be a success so that more people will attend each year.

The next meeting for the Long Term Committee will be Monday, June 23 at 3:00.

Motion to Adjourn

Vee motioned to adjourn and Richard seconded. The next meeting will be held at the town offices and via zoom on July 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by

AnnMarie Harmon, Chair GWHC