

1 **TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT**

2 **Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

3 **Monday, February 23, 2026**

4 **Draft**

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6 **Members Present:** David Babbott-Klein, Chach Curtis, Fred Messer, Brian Shupe

7 **Staff Present:** York Haverkamp, Town Administrator

8 **Others Present:** Robin Morris (Water Commission)

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10 **I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Brian Shupe. The meeting was
11 held in person at the Waitsfield Town Office and remotely via Zoom.

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13 **1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A)**

14 Several items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

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16 **2. Public Forum**

17 Nobody requested time to speak to the Board.

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19 **II. Regular Business**

20 **1. Infrastructure Summit Debrief**

21 Board members commented on feedback received following the Summit. Mr. Haverkamp
22 confirmed that the presentation is available on the Town website.

23 Mr. Haverkamp reported that he is in communication with Miles Jenness regarding work to
24 take place on the Village covered bridge, and that he is waiting for responses.

25 Records retention and monitoring cameras were mentioned briefly.

26 Strategies for disseminating Town-related information were discussed, including an email
27 listserv, publication of an executive summary of meetings, and including those interested in the
28 distribution list for Selectboard agendas.

29 **2. Town Meeting**

30 Mr. Shupe confirmed that the items indicated by residents as draws for Towns Meeting have
31 been addressed; those include provision of food and coffee, availability of child care, and
32 dissemination of information. Mr. Babbott-Klein provided some details, and noted that there is
33 still space available for child care.

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35 Board members confirmed that they are comfortable addressing questions which may be raised
36 during Town Meeting, with no need for talking points to be compiled. It was agreed that it
37 should be ensured that tax implication numbers be available for any changes to the budget
38 proposed for approval in separate articles. Mr. Haverkamp will work with Mr. Curtis to have a
39 budget presentation prepared.

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41 Mr. Curtis noted that the Town's debt service is 6% of the budget currently, and that the
42 adjustments he suggested at the previous meeting are not necessary to reflect the true debt

43 service rate. Mr. Shupe noted that it is the trajectory, rather than the current percentage, that
44 is important when evaluating debt service, and that the Town's trajectory is diminishing.

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46 **3. Consent Agenda**

47 **APPROVAL:** *A motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.*

- 48 • Approve Bills Payable & Treasurer's Warrants
- 49 • Approve Second Class Liquor License, Tobacco License, and Tobacco Substitute
50 Endorsement for Simon's Waitsfield Store
- 51 • Approve Second Class Liquor License, Tobacco License, and Tobacco Substitute
52 Endorsement for Champlain Farms
- 53 • Approve Minutes of 2.9.2026 Selectboard Meeting

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55 **4. Town Administrator's Report**

56 Mr. Haverkamp noted that he has been working to draft a camera policy, a plan for addressing
57 the emerald ash borer, and completion of the 10-year renewal of the permit for the Town's
58 gravel pit.

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60 **5. Selectboard Roundtable**

61 Mr. Messer reported that he and Charlie Goodman had reviewed initial Town Garage planning
62 information which had been provided by a consulting group and drew some initial rough
63 designs. It was agreed that geothermal heating should be considered for the new structure,
64 and noted that funding opportunities will be researched.

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66 Mr. Babbott-Klein provided a MRVPD update, noting that Franni Hoag is on board and that the
67 Annual Data Report is ready for presentation to area Boards and other groups.

68 Franni is on board

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70 **III. Adjourn**

71 The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

72 Respectfully submitted,

73 Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary