



Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2026

Present: Jim Haff, Selectboard Chair  
Jon Wysocki, Selectboard Vice Chair  
Bill Vines  
Ricky Bowen  
Vito Rasenas

Patrick Cushing, Town Manager

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  - b. Election of Selectboard Chair
  - c. Election of Selectboard Vice Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
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5. Board of Liquor Control
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Approval of Private Road Renaming - January Way
8. Continuation of Public Hearing to review Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations
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  - b. Planning for review Killington Town Personnel Policies
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  - g. Tax Sale Engagement Letter
  - h. ADA Compliance Policy

- i. FY 2025 Financial Audit and Management Letter
  - j. AJGA Host Facility Agreement
  - k. Sale of Plow Truck
11. Citizen's Concerns
  12. Executive Session – None Planned When Agenda Drafted
  13. Adjourn

## 1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

## 2. Board Reorganization

- **Welcome new members**
  - i. CH Vines welcomed SB Rasenas and SB Wysocki to the Selectboard following the recent Town Meeting Day. CH Vines also thanked former SB Hickory for his service to the Selectboard over the last 8 months. CH Vines also congratulated SB Bowen on his re-election to the Selectboard.
- **Election of Selectboard Chair**
  - i. SB Rasenas nominated SB Haff for Selectboard Chair. SB Wysocki seconded the nomination.
  - ii. SB Bowen nominated CH Vines for Selectboard Chair. SB Haff seconded the nomination.
  - iii. SB Bowen asked if being a Town Employee and being the Selectboard Chair would constitute a conflict of interest. SB Haff stated there was no statute against a Town Employee being the Selectboard Chair.
  - iv. SB Rasenas, SB Wysocki, and SB Haff voted to elect SB Haff as Selectboard Chair. SB Bowen and CH Vines voted to elect CH Vines as Selectboard Chair. SB Haff was elected as the Selectboard Chair
- **Election of Selectboard Vice Chair**
  - i. SB Haff nominated SB Wysocki for Selectboard Vice Chair. SB Rasenas seconded the nomination.
  - ii. SB Bowen nominated SB Vines for Selectboard Vice Chair. CH Haff seconded the nomination.
  - iii. SB Bowen and SB Vines voted to elect SB Vines as Selectboard Vice Chair. CH Haff, SB Rasenas, and SB Wysocki voted to elect SB Wysocki as the Selectboard Vice Chair. SB Wysocki was elected as the Selectboard Vice Chair.
- **Other**
  - i. The Selectboard discussed the signing of the warrants. The previous Selectboard voted for the Selectboard Chair and Vice Chair to sign the warrants. CH Haff stated that he believed SB Vines should continue to sign the warrants as he took a big lead in the Town's finances.
  - ii. CH Haff made a motion for SB Vines to continue signing Town warrants. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
  - iii. The Selectboard will discuss the second authorized signer at the upcoming Meeting.

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

- CH Haff made a motion to approve the Agenda for the March 9th Selectboard Meeting with the following changes. CH Haff requested that Art. 8 (Approval of

Private Road Renaming - January Way) be moved to Art. 7 and Art. 9 (Continuation of Public Hearing to Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations) be moved to Art. 8. Art. 7 (Town Manager's Report) would be moved to Art. 9. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. Citizen Concerns**

- Ken Wonsor, Town Resident, stated he was disappointed with the outcome of the recent Town Meeting Day but accepted it was the will of the majority of the voters. Wonsor congratulated SB Rasenas and SB Wysocki on their election. Wonsor stated he would like to provide a few suggestions and voice some concerns to the Selectboard. First, Wonsor requested that the Selectboard improve their consistency in including meeting attendees (in-person and Zoom) with the Meeting Minutes. Wonsor also requested that the Selectboard incorporate action items in the Minutes from week to week until they are resolved. Wonsor also voiced his concern over the retention, stability, morale, and motivation of Town employees. Wonsor reviewed the timeline of the three member Selectboard to the five member Selectboard. He also reviewed the dates of service of previous Town Managers. Wonsor also spoke about other Town Employee positions which have seen turnover. Wonsor stated these employees were either fired justifiably or pushed out of their positions. Wonsor stated while the success of the Killington Forward Initiative is important, the retention and support of the Town administration and personnel is equally important to the stability and success of the Town. Wonsor then voiced his concern for the FY 2027 Town Budget which was not passed during the recent Town Meeting Day. Wonsor stated that reworking the budget will take time and effort from other staff responsibilities. Wonsor requested that the Selectboard be conscious of the timeline and the day-to-day tasks that Town employees will still need to complete as the budget is reworked.
- Peggy Neisner, Town Clerk, thanked the Police Department for their wonderful work helping the Town hold the first election at the new Town Hall. Neisner also thanked the Town Road Crew as well.
- George Brant, Town Resident, stated he was happy that the vote for the forensic audit was passed. Brant stated he voted against the article listing the forensic audit at \$200,000 dollars as he believed this was an imaginary number. Brant stated he hoped the Selectboard would get together and find a quote for less than \$200,000 dollars. Brant also requested that the Town place a warning in the newspaper that the Town was accepting bids, which he claimed the Town did not do when they first collected quotes.
- Deb Burke, Town Resident, stated she heard a while ago that Great Gulf was shovel ready for some of their building projects however, they had made some changes that required an additional Act 250 review. Burke asked if there were any further updates. CH Haff stated that the Selectboard would be reviewing this situation in a Meeting on the following day, March 10th, 2026.

- Steve Finer, Town Resident, stated he was disappointed that the FY2027 budget was voted down. Finer stated he did not understand why the majority of voters voted down the FY2027 budget but voted for the forensic audit, which would potentially add another \$200,000 to budget costs.

## **5. Board of Liquor Control**

- Peggy Neisner, Town Clerk, presented North Star Hospitality LLC's application for a 1st and 3rd class liquor license at The North Star. The North Star was sold in January 2026 and must apply for new licenses. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with North Star Hospitality LLC's request for a 1st and 3rd class liquor license at The North Star. SB Vines seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Neisner presented Killington Restaurant Inc's request for a limited outside consumption permit for their Dazed and Defrosted event to be held in April. Neisner presented a map of the area to be approved for the limited outside consumption permit. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Killington Restaurants Inc's request for a limited outside consumption permit. SB Wysocki seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Neisner presented Killington Deli and Marketplace's request for a 2nd class liquor license, tobacco license, and tobacco substitute endorsement. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Killington Deli and Marketplace's request for a 2nd class liquor license, tobacco license, and tobacco substitute endorsement. SB Wysocki seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Neisner presented The Garlic's request for an outside consumption permit. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with The Garlic's request for an outside consumption permit. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- The Selectboard reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
- CH Haff tabled discussion of the Treasurer's Report until the following Meeting to allow for further review.

## **7. Approval of Private Road Renaming - January Way**

- Will Austin, Assistant Town Planner, lead the discussion on the renaming of a private road. Emmett O'Dwyer, Town Resident, owns all three parcels of land on the private road. Austin stated the State was open to changing the name of the road and there would not be a large impact on the Town. The Town would need to adjust the 911 addresses on the road. O'Dwyer proposed changing the name of the road from January Way to Summit Drive which would correlate with the Summit Road from which January Way branches off. The Selectboard must approve or deny any public or private road name changes. Austin requested that the Selectboard make a motion to approve the Assistant Town Planner to move

forward with the State to rename January Way to Summit Drive and, subsequently, renumber the three dwelling units on the private road for 911 addresses.

- CH Haff made a motion to accept the renaming of January Way to Summit Drive. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **8. Continuation of Public Hearing to Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations**

- CH Haff made a motion to open up the Continuation of the Public Hearing to Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations at 7:00pm. SB Wysocki seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Lisa Davis Lewis, Town Planner, and Will Austin, Assistant Town Planner, led the Public Hearing to Review Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations.
- Lewis reviewed the topic of the public hearing which was the work the Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, and the Planning Commission have completed and approved towards subdivision regulations, which the Town has not previously had. The Town is in the process of adopting subdivision regulations. The Selectboard read aloud a letter from Jennifer Iannantuoni, Chair of the Planning Commission, in support of adopting the Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations. The Selectboard also read a letter of support from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.
- SB Rasenas stated he would like additional time to review the Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations. SB Rasenas also stated he supported the notion of aiming for the Tier 1A or 1B status for the Town.
- SB Vines thanked Iannantuoni and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission for their letters. SB Vines also stated he was appreciative that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission stated they would be open to revisions to the document later on after the mid-April deadline for the Tier 1A or 1B status. SB Vines suggested that the Selectboard approve the amendments and regulations with a request to the Planning Commission to come back within 6 months with a streamlined document.
- SB Wysocki asked Lewis what the likelihood of the Town receiving a Tier 1A status was. Lewis stated she believed it was reasonable given the Town's resources. SB Wysocki also asked for additional time to review the documents.
- CH Haff stated that the two new Selectboard Members should be allowed time to review the suggested amendments and regulations. CH Haff also requested that the Selectboard set up another Meeting to continue this hearing as soon as possible.
- CH Haff stated he would like new Selectboard Members SB Rasenas and SB Wysocki to set up a time to speak with Lewis and Austin to review the amendments and regulations. CH Haff also encouraged all Selectboard Members to review the amendments and regulations and ask any questions ahead of time to Lewis and Austin ahead of a continued Hearing.

- SB Wysocki made a motion to continue the Hearing on the Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Subdivision Regulations on March 23, 2026 at 7pm. SB Vines seconded the motion.

## **9. Selectboard Discussion**

- **Planning for re-developing FY2027 Budget**
  - i. CH Haff asked if there had been any discussion from Town Hall about how the Town would approach re-developing the FY2027 Budget. TM Cushing asked if there was any direction that the Selectboard would like to offer. SB Bowen suggested reducing the paving budget. SB Bowen also stated he did not understand why the voters approved to spend \$200,000 dollars for a forensic audit while rejecting the budget. CH Haff stated he would like solid numbers related to the debt for the Selectboard's review. The Selectboard also discussed placing a hold on future hires for the time being, including for the Director of Public Works. The Selectboard discussed hiring a third party contractor to oversee the construction related to Killington Forward and TIF, which could be reimbursed through TIF.
  - ii. CH Haff made a motion to move forward with hiring a third party contractor to oversee construction related to Killington Forward and TIF rather than hiring a Director of Public Works. SB Vines seconded the motion. CH Haff later rescinded his motion. SB Vines rescinded his second of the motion.
  - iii. CH Haff made a motion to place a hold on any new hiring, with the exception of seasonal Recreation Department employees, until the Town has moved forward with the re-development of a new budget. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. CH Haff, SB Rasenas, SB Vines, and SB Wysocki voted in favor of the motion. SB Bowen voted against the motion. The motion was approved.
  - iv. **Forensic Audit Cost Inclusion**
    - 1. The Selectboard discussed including the cost of the Forensic Audit into the redevelopment of the budget.
    - 2. SB Wysocki asked if TM Cushing was working on an RFI to receive a firm cost for the Forensic Audit. TM Cushing stated the Town would be putting out a new RFI. CH Haff asked that the Selectboard review the RFI before it is sent out.
  - v. **FY 2022 Solar Panels Discussion**
    - 1. The Selectboard reviewed the solar panels that were purchased in FY2022. The Selectboard was previously told that the solar panels were paid from the General Fund. The Selectboard reviewed the timeline of the solar panels and what the Selectboard understood.
- **Planning for review Killington Town Personnel Policies**
  - i. The Selectboard tabled this conversation for the first week of April.

- **Planning for Forensic Audit**
  - i. TM Cushing will provide the Selectboard with the RFI for their review before it goes out. The Town would like to start the process for the Forensic Audit as soon as possible with payments beginning July 1, 2026.
- **Other Items, Selectboard Member's Comments and Concerns**
  - i. SB Bowen asked why previous budgets had not been voted down despite claims of lack of oversight. SB Bowen mentioned a \$21,000 dollar pay increase, \$50,000 dollars for a weather station, and \$10,000 dollars for a roller. CH Haff asked SB Bowen to say his name when he mentioned the \$21,000 dollar pay increase. CH Haff stated he received the pay increase as a result of his position as a Town employee changing from a part-time employee to a full-time employee. SB Wysocki stated passing the budget is not solely on the Selectboard but comes down to the voters and their decisions.
  - ii. SB Wysocki suggested that the Town needed to implement a better process for Town Residents to meet with Town Employees. SB Wysocki stated that while the public needs access to the staff at Town Hall, a process should be put in place to prevent employee productivity from being affected. SB Wysocki also stated that Town Residents should be more respectful to staff members in their workplace.

## **10. Town Manager's Report**

- **Year to Date (3/01) Budget Report**
  - i. TM Cushing stated that the Town was on track with the spending rate for the FY26 budget. The Town is potentially under budget by \$200,000 dollars. TM Cushing stated the Town has also collected \$191,000 dollars of the \$482,000 dollars of delinquent taxes that were set to go to tax sale.
- **FY 2026 Budget Discussion**
  - i. The Selectboard previously discussed this in Art. 9 (Selectboard Discussion).
- **Certification of Highway Mileage**
  - i. The Town must complete the Certification of Highway Mileage each year. There are no changes from the previous year.
  - ii. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage. SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
  - iii. CH Haff made a motion for the Selectboard to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage. SB Wysocki seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
  - iv. CH Haff made a motion for the SRF to be signed by the Town Manager. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Officers for Sherburne Golf Service Company**
  - i. The Town needs to identify two individuals, ideally two Selectboard Members, to be listed as officers for the Sherburne Golf Service Company.
  - ii. CH Haff stated he would not sign the document to become an officer for the Sherburne Golf Service as it requires the officer(s) to be in charge of the liquor license. The remaining Selectboard Members chose not to sign the document due to liability concerns. The Selectboard will discuss this further with TM Cushing during the Executive Session.
- **Utility Relocation Agreement**
  - i. CH Haff made a motion for TM Cushing to sign the Utility Relocation Agreement with VTrans. SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- **Markowski Pay Req**
  - i. The Town received a request from Markowski about their payment which the Selectboard decided to hold off on providing until the Town could see how the work held up through the winter. Markowski requested payments for the greenery, plantings, and other work items that were not being disputed. The Selectboard requested that TM Cushing inform Markowski that they were waiting for the winter to end so they could conduct an evaluation of the cobblestone. CH Haff also requested to see the invoice of the materials from the supplier.
- **Tax Sale Engagement Letter**
  - i. TM Cushing presented the Tax Sale Engagement Letter to the Selectboard from the Town's attorney.
  - ii. CH Haff made a motion for the Town Manager to move forward with the Tax Sale Engagement Letter with the Town's Attorney, James Barlow, but the Town Attorney must include the option to enter into a reasonable payment plan, for a maximum of 12 months. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **ADA Compliance Policy**
  - i. TM Cushing presented an updated ADA Compliance Policy to the Selectboard.
  - ii. CH Haff made a motion to table this discussion until the first Meeting of April. SB Rasenas seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
- **FY 2025 Financial Audit and Management Letter**
  - i. The Selectboard reviewed the FY 2025 Financial Audit and Management Letter. The Selectboard also spoke with Kirsten Hathaway, Finance Director, on processes and responsibilities in the Finance Department.
- **AJGA Host Facility Agreement**
  - i. The Selectboard discussed the AJGA event at GMNGC. The Selectboard and TM Cushing discussed the timing of the event. AJGA would like to host the event during the July 4th weekend. CH Haff

cautioned against it stating it would negatively impact GMNGC's revenue to host the event on a holiday weekend. The Selectboard also discussed the condition of the course after the AJGA event and the required timeframe to return the course back to its pre-event condition. CH Haff stated the Selectboard previously requested that the AJGA event return in 2027 and that GMNGC find another event for 2026. CH Haff recommended holding a golf tournament in honor of Steve Finneron, Red Glaze, Leo Davin, and John MacAulay.

- ii. CH Haff made a motion to not accept AJGA's offer to host their event at GMNGC for the proposed July 2026 dates. SB Wysocki seconded the motion. CH Haff, SB Wysocki, and SB Bowen voted for the motion. SB Rasenas voted against the motion. SB Vines abstained from voting.
- **Sale of Plow Truck**
  - i. TM Cushing stated the Town reached out to Killington Resort with an offer to buy one of their plow trucks. Killington Resort declined as they have a new policy of only buying new plow trucks. Another buyer approached the Town and offered to buy the plow truck at the same price offered to Killington Resort. The Selectboard requested that the truck still go out to bid with an announcement in the papers, including regional New England sources. The Selectboard discussed raising the price of the plow truck if bid advertisements cost above \$500 dollars.

#### **11. Citizen's Concerns**

- George Brant, Town Resident, recommended that the Selectboard consider creating a smaller focus group for the forensic audit. CH Haff continued this idea and stated that the Selectboard Members should form work groups on finance, TIF, and roads. These work groups would also include Town staff as well.

#### **12. Executive Session – Legal**

- The Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 10:18 pm for legal. The Selectboard came out at 10:49 pm. No action was taken. The Selectboard provided action items to TM Cushing.

#### **13. Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 pm.