

Town of Baltimore
Selectboard Meeting
September 4, 2025

Attending: Mark Whaley, Sandy Rich, Wayne Wheelock, Gary Hook, Walter Rich, George Wheeler, David Sigl and Deb Bean.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M.

Comments and Concerns- Gary Hook spoke regarding his delinquent taxes. He explained that he has made a payment but still hasn't received a notice from Janet. Deb confirmed that he did make a payment for the balance from earlier this year, but doesn't know if there is additional fees or interest. Bud will communicate directly with Janet.

Mark spoke regarding the loss of the flowers along the ramp that were covered with sure Pak. Deb said that, some time ago, she added additional lilies and brought in hostas, but the deer have eaten the hostas and the lilies are damaged by the plowing so she stopped maintaining them. She planted a Bleeding heart in the front and she and Sandy maintain a flower box yearly.

Wayne called her when they were putting down the sure Pak and she agreed to cover them. It was felt that we could do some things to brighten up the building. He also has some items to offer the town including a trailer and dispenser.

Secretary's Report- Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report- Motion was made and seconded to accept report. Carried.

Grants Status: The Grant in Aid end date is September 30. Wayne said that Crown Point expects to be able to finish it before that date.

Highway- Chester doesn't have a pump so they are unable to apply the chloride. Mark has a gravity fed dispenser that needs some work (see above). Wayne will see if it can be worked on.

Solid Waste- Wayne is waiting to hear from Steve.

Bay mentioned that the forest fire danger is extremely high. No burning permits will be issued and he hoped residents will be extra care with their activities.

Old Business- David mentioned that he reached Dan regarding the tree on Old Piper Road and was told it's expected to be taken down within the next week and a half. Dan will let him know when it's done

New Business- WCAX would like to do a story on every town/city in Vermont. It was agreed that Baltimore should be represented. Bud and Deb would be happy to do research. It was also felt that Joan Whaley would make an exceptional representative for the Town.

Bud thought the Town should consider having an IT person for some of the Town's functions including incoming email and Zoom meetings, and believed David would be a good resource. He also felt a Town Administrator may duplicate the functions of other positions.

Bay explained that the other Selectboard members would be happy to do some of the duties and responsibilities. Bud said he did not expect to be Chair after the March meeting.

David talked with his daughter regarding emails. There are generic and special emails. Some by positions (Clerk, Selectboard, Highway etc.) and some by the person's actual name. They can also vary by provider (Gmail, TDS) and private domain (baltimorevt.org). David will do more research on this and Zoom requirements.

Our SAM number is expiring and Bud will do this. There are two helpful persons at Regional.

The next meeting has been moved to October 9th instead of the second.

Orders were signed.

No Ella Graves

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Bean
Town Clerk