

## Brighton Selectboard Minutes

March 28, 2019

Minutes of the Brighton Selectboard special meeting held on March 28, 2019, at the town hall in Island Pond at 8:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to consult with the Vtrans District #9 staff to determine the annual highway financial plan. Attending were Eric Pope and Anthony Cole from District #9, Selectboard members Mike Strait, Jeanne Gervais and Heather McElroy, Brighton road foreman Mark Castonguay and Town Administrator Joel Cope.

1. Mike Strait called the meeting to order.
2. Eric Pope told the board that Vtrans and DEC have revised the Roads Standards guidelines to better match the new MRGP standards to lessen confusion. The new document is tailored to permit validating that we are following the MRGP.
3. The Arthur John culvert project was discussed. This will be a large aluminum culvert. Vtrans will send the bid documents to us for use. We would be aiming for bid opening the first Wednesday in May, with the project to be done probably in August or September. The project will cost around \$80,000 but the state will pay for 90% of the project. The state will send a list of potential qualified contractors. It is anticipated to take 5-7 days; longer if the contractor has to build a temporary road for those living on the other side of the project. The town will send letters to those property owners seeking comment.

The company will want a deposit at some point, but the culvert itself will not to be paid for until delivery.

4. The board and Eric worked out the annual highway spending plan, the significance of which is that it determines how much funding the town would be eligible in state assistance in the event of some emergencies.
5. Meeting adjourned.