

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### APRIL 16, 2025

Present: Heather McElroy, Doug Brent, Jamie Budrewicz, Mike Testut, Bill Hawkins, Bruce Webster, Nick Bingham, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, Jeanne Gervais, and Joel Cope.

Heather McElroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Updates to the Agenda: CUD Representative Appointment, Randomvale Road Naming, and Library Staffing discussion.

Select Board Appointment: Mike Testut motions to appoint Bruce Webster to the one-year selectboard seat vacated by Greg Manning until the next annual town meeting. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Road Department Update: Nick updated the board on the projects the road crew has been working on. Both new hires have now started. Nick will be moving the speed radar sign on Pleasant Street about 100 feet, as the placement of it now is shaded by the trees, and the sun isn't able to charge the solar battery attached to it. Street sweeping will begin at the end of this month or the beginning of May. The Salt shed discussion is solved, Joel has the agreement signed in 1997 with the state. The road crew has been out fixing mailboxes and street signs that were hit this winter while plowing. Nick will move the working flashing light on top of the street signs from the Railroad Street/Cross Street intersection stop sign to the Cross Street stop sign.

WWTF Credit Line Renewal: Bruce Webster motions to approve the Bond Anticipation Borrowing Line of Credit from Community Nation Bank in the amount of \$2,200,000.00 to facilitate construction of the town's Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Town Manager Search: The board will discuss this in Executive Session.

Overweight Permits: A motion was made by Bruce Webster to sign the overweight permit for Excavation Plus. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department account and the general account.

CUD Appointment: Bill Hawkins motions to appoint Michael Strait as the town's primary representative and James Ozone as the town's alternate representative to the governing board of the NEKCA Communications Union District. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Randomvale Road: Mike Testut motions to affirm that Randomvale is one word in the name of Randomvale Road in the Town of Brighton. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Library Staffing Discussion: The board will discuss this in Executive Session.

Approve minutes of the previous meetings: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 2, 2025, meeting and the April 4, 2025, Special Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve all minutes as printed. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mike Testut motions to enter into an executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters with the interim town manager under to provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature public knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town, at 6:03 PM. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

A motion to exit Executive Session at 7:00 PM was made by Mike Testut. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

No Action was taken.

Bill Hawkins motions to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM