

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2025

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

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, John, Emma.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Updates: Correction to the town equipment rates.

Public comments: Jamie Budrewicz asked when the brush dump would be opening. Jamie was informed that the opening date would be May 17, 2025, with it being Saturday's only from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Jamie also asked if there was a date on when RT. 105 would be fixed from the dig up this winter for the water leak.

Road Department Update: Nick was unavailable for the meeting as he was working to fix Newark Road.

Correct Town Equipment Rates: A motion was made by Mike Testut to update and correct the town equipment rates and set them as follows:

- Grader: \$170.00/hour
- Trucks: \$110.00/hour
- Sidewalk Tractor: \$110.00/hour
- Backhoe: \$130.00/hour
- Front-End Loader: \$140.00/hour

Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

New truck purchase: Jeanne Gervais motions to authorize the purchase of the new 1-ton truck Twin State Foard in the amount of \$98,719.00, expending the \$50,000.00 in this year's road equipment budget along with \$48,719.00 from the road equipment reserve fund and authorize the interim town manager to complete any necessary paperwork. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Water System Loan Agreement: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and execute the Loan Agreement RF3-448-1.1 from the Vermont State Revolving Loan Fund for the pre-design amendment for improvements to the water system's two treatment plants and to evaluate alternative water sources in the amount of \$84,100.00. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pacif Grant: Mike informed the board that the town has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$2500.00 for safety equipment. The town will be getting a basket to hook to the front-end loader for tree trimming and putting up the banners and flags, chaps for the road crew, uniform costs, new ergo logic mice for the office staff, and safety cones.

Vermont Electric Coop Easement Agreement: Jeanne Gervais motions to grant permission to the Vermont Electric Coop, Inc. to perform overhead/underground work within the road right of way on the Town Trail near Dupuis Sand and Gravel. Billy Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Resolution Condemning Acts on Due Process: Heather McElroy stated that while the board naturally supports due process rights, it does not feel that it needs to adopt a formal resolution at this time.

Budget Report: The board received a copy of the budget report to review and look over. No issues to report currently.

Town Manager Search: This will be done in executive session at the end of the regularly scheduled meeting.

Overweight Permits: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to allow the board chair to sign the overweight permits. 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 expense account.

Approve the minutes of the Previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Mike Testut to approve the minutes as printed. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Mike Strait informed the board that we received the construction permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, and sludge removal will begin on May 27, 2025.

Mike Testut asked if Mike Strait got in touch with the library trustees. Mike Strait told Mr. Testut that he is on the agenda for the next meeting.

Jeanne Gervais motion that the board enter into executive session in order to discuss confidential personnel matters with the interim town manager under the provision of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont statutes finding that premature public knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town at 6:10 PM with members of the board, and Mike Strait. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board exited Executive Session at 6:51 PM, no action was taken.



A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeanne Gervais. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 PM.