

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2025

Present: Jeanne Gervais, Mike Testut, Bill Hawkins, Bruce Webster, Jamie Budrewicz, Ed Barber, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending Virtually: Heather McElroy, Mike Strait, and Joel Cope.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Update to the Agenda: Keri door hosting system, and the Municipal Planning Grant contract with NVDA.

Public comment: Jamie Budrewicz asked when the piles of debris would be cleaned up. Mike informed Jamie that it would be cleaned up when the paving was done on Vt. Route 105 from the dig up that the Water and Sewer Department had to do. Jamie asked when the crosswalks would be painted in town. Mike will ask Nick Bingham to be sure but believes that it will be done in the next few weeks.

Town Manager Contract: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and sign the four-year employment contract negotiated with Michael Strait to serve as the Brighton Town Manager. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Road Department updates: The road department has been working on Lakeshore Drive and on Newark road.

MPG Grant Agreement: Mike Testut motions to authorize the town manager to enter into the contract for planning services with Northeastern Vermont Development Association for assistance with updating the Brighton Town Plan in an amount not to exceed \$16,420.00. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

WWTF Update: The project officially started on Monday, June 2, 2025, with the sludge removal.

Back Door Accessibility: A new threshold has been purchased and will be installed so that it will be easier for handicap accessibility to the offices located in the basement.

Town Hall Sewer Repair Update: Weather permitted, Bucky will be putting up the frame form on Thursday, June 5, 2025, so that concrete can be poured on Friday, June 6, 2025.

MERP Update: Mike informed the board that we have been granted the MERP grant for all three of the town owned buildings. This grant will cover new heat pump hot water heaters for all three buildings. Mike gave Bucky the go ahead to install the water heater in the Municipal building, as the building has no hot water at this time, and this was an emergency. Mike will get three bids for the installation of the water heaters in the other two buildings.

Greeter Program Shed: Mike has ordered a shed at the cost of \$169.00 for the greeters for shelter from the inclement weather. Most of the greeters hired this year are teenagers, and they have no cars to shelter themselves from the elements. The road crew has volunteered to put the shed together when it comes in.

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

Door Hosting Service: Mike informed the board that the service needs an update at this time, and that he would like to switch to a cloud-based service. Mike showed the board a quote for the cost of this update. The board agreed that it was ok to go with the cloud-based system.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes as printed. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: None.

Executive session: No need.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.