

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2025

Present: Heather McElroy, Jeanne Gervais, Bill Hawkins, Bruce Webster, Doug Brent, Rick Hannux, Stacey Roese, Judy Valente, Chris Roese, Jonah Rumball-Petre, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, and Joel Cope.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Update Agenda: Planning Commission Appointment, and NVDA Appointment.

Public Comment: Judy Valente, on behalf of the Brighton Snowmobile club, was present to discuss the tax exemption for the property owned by the Brighton Snowmobile club located on Henshaw Road. After some discussion, the board told Judy that they will investigate the legality of making this property tax exempt and get back to them on the decision.

E911: Jonah Rumball-Petre was present to inform the board that the E911 numbers on the Bilodeau needed to be corrected and wanted the board's approval to move forward with this project. A motion was made by Bill Hawkins to allow Jonah to make the corrections necessary. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Cemetery Mowing: Mike informed the board that he had received a complaint about the cemeteries not being mowed. Mike informed this person that the cemeteries were only mowed once a month, and with the amount of rain that we have been getting, that the weather had not permitted the mowing to be done quite yet, but as soon as the weather permitted, this would be taken care of.

Fire truck loan: The Fire Department found a fire truck to purchase in the amount of \$185,309.00, with funds coming from the reserve account and a loan. Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and sign the loan documents with Community National Bank in the amount of \$100,000 at the rate of 4.98% interest for a term of five years to purchase the new fire truck. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Reservoir Liner Engineering Services Agreement: Jeanne Gervais motions to authorize the town manager to enter into the contract with Aldrich and Elliott Water Resource Engineers to provide engineering services for the South Reservoir Liner Installation in the amount of \$10,600.00. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Animal Control Officer: Ryan Perry has resigned as the Animal Control Officer. Mike informed the board that he will post a Notice of Vacancy for the position.

Town Hall Sewer Repair Update: The cement pad has been poured, and the entrance has been repaired. This project is now finished.

Back Door Accessibility: The threshold to the entrance of the back door was replaced. Everyone is pleased.

Greeter Program Shed: The greeter program shed is assembled and in place.

Door Access Software Upgrade: Mike and Teresa attended a virtual training session for the software upgrade for the door access in the town hall. The company will try to have the new software in place in the next two weeks.

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

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes as printed. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Planning Commission Appointment: Bruce Webster motions to appoint James Ozone to the Planning Commission to fulfill the remainder of the term vacated by Mike Strait ending September 1, 2025. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

NVDA Appointment: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to appoint Mike Strait to serve as the Town of Brighton Representative to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, the regional planning and economic development commission. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.