

Select Board Meeting Minutes August 6, 2025

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

Attending Virtually: Michael 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: The agenda was updated to include, the removal of Item #5 (This resolution was passed at a special meeting held on July 31, 2025), Revised Auditor agreement, Recreation update, and an Executive session to discuss a legal matter, and an Executive session to discuss a Personnel matter.

Public comment: None.

Overweight Permits: Jeanne Gervais motions to authorize Heather McElroy, select board chair to sign the overweight permits. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

WWTF Update: The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on August 26, 2025. Mike will inform the board of the time once he receives the information.

WWTF Propane: Joel Cope explained to the board that if we buy our own tank we will have to maintain and repair this ourselves, and this would be more of a hassle than its worth. Joel has been working with Bourne's Energy, and also with Amerigas on bids for this.

Revised Auditor Agreement: Jeanne Gervais motions to authorize the town manager to enter into a revised agreement for audit services with RHR Smith and Company for the years ending December 31, 2025, 2025,2026, 2027, and 2028 as required under federal grant reporting requirements. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Recreation update: Heather gave the board an update of the programs that the Recreation Committee has completed and future programs that they will be working on.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay order for the Road Department and the General Expense Account.

Approve minutes of the previous meetings: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 16, 2025 meeting and the special select board meeting minutes held on July 31, 2025. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes as printed. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Mike Strait informed the board that the new water tank had been installed in the Town Hall, and that we are now accepting bids to replace the one at the Railroad Depot and the Town garage.

Bruce will replace the fence in the ballfield.

Mike has been working on getting a quote from USDA to rid of the geese, as they are becoming a nuisance.

Mike Strait informed the board that he and Heather will be attending the Keys to The Kingdom Event held next weekend.

Mike Testut asked about the status of the Ten Mile Square Road Bridge. Mike Strait informed him that the engineers have started working on the design, and construction would not start until 2026.

The drainage and ditching work on Lakeshore Drive should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town. No decisions are expected following the Executive session. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. The board enters Executive session at 6:00 PM.

A motion to exit the first Executive Session was made by Mike Testut. Bruce Webster seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Executive Session II: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town. No decisions are expected following the Executive Session. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. The board enters Executive Session II at 6:13 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.