

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2025

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

Attending virtually: Mike Strait.

Chairperson, Heather McElroy, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Update Agenda: The agenda was updated to include discussion on the following topics; Tennis court information, Dump Truck, MERP, Passumpsic Bank damage, and an executive session is needed to discuss Personnel matters.

Public comment: None.

CWSRF Loan Approval: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and sign the loan agreement with the Vermont Bond Bank in the amount of \$1,914,039.00 with a principal forgiveness of \$890,095, a preliminary interest at the rate of 0.00% per annum and with a preliminary administrative fee of 2.00%, subject to change based on final disbursed value, beginning on 1/1/2027 in order to fund the improvement project at the Brighton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mike Testut seconds the motion.

DWSRF Loan application approval: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and sign the application to the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$9,600,000.00 in order to fund the upgrades to the drinking water treatment facilities and authorize the Town Manager to submit and sign all documents necessary to complete this transaction. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Long-term debt loan approval: The town clerk informed the board that the Long-term debt loan for the year 2026 would be \$350,000.00, and the bank will have the paperwork ready to sign at the next meeting in January.

Tennis Courts: The board received two quotes to refurbish the tennis courts to look over.

Dump Truck: Mike informed the board that a new dump truck will be ordered. There is a 2 year wait for new trucks, so the order was put in, and the truck will not be delivered until 2028.

MERP: Mike updated the board on the progress of the MERP grant, and that we were looking to put mini splits in the town hall and railroad depot.

Passumpsic Bank damage: Mike informed the board that the drive-up window was still leaking, and the canopy had got hit. The replacement of the canopy will be at the bank's cost.

Pay orders: Tabled.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 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: Bill Hawkins informed the board that he met with Rick Hannux and Walt Driscoll on updating the burn policy.

A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to enter into executive session at 5:30 PM with the members of the board, the Town Manager, and the Town Clerk in order to discuss personnel matters under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature public knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town. No decisions are expected following the executive session. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jenne Gervais motions to exit the executive session at 5:56 PM, no action was taken. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.