

## Select Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2026

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

Attending Virtually: 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 Agenda: The agenda was updated to include discussion on Mileage Certificate, Appointment of a Moderator, Records Restoration, and an Executive session is needed to discuss Personnel.

Public comment: None.

Long-term Debt Loan approval: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve an sign the loan agreement with Community National Bank in the amount of \$350,000.00 in order to fund municipal operations in lieu of delinquent tax collections. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Certificate of Mileage: Jeanne Gervais motions to approve and sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Year Ending February 10, 2026. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Appointment of Moderator: Jeanne Gervais motions to appoint Joel Cope to serve as Town Moderator for the 2026 Town Meeting and Informational session. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Records Restoration: Mike informed the board that the line item in the budget for Records Restoration will be increased, as the legislation passed a law that \$4.00 per page is to be set aside from each recording fee collected by the town clerk for records restoration.

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

Approved minutes from the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 30, 2025, meeting. Mike Testut motions to approve the minutes as printed. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

End of Year and Budget Discussion: Mike reviewed the end of year budget figures and went over a draft of the 2026 budget.

Other business: None.

Executive session: Jeanne Gervais motions that the board enter into executive session 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 to be made. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The regular session of the select board meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.