

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2026

Present: Mike Strait, Heather McElroy, Mike Testut, Bill Hawkins, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending Virtually: Joel Cope, Nate Sicard, and Contractors.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Appoint a Select Board Chairperson: Bill Hawkins motions to appoint Mike Testut as Select Board Chairperson. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Bid Openings for the Ten Mile Square Bridge Project: The town received eight sealed bids for the project. The bids came in as follows:

1. M3 Construction and D&H Excavating: \$281,404.00
2. Simpsons Dirtworks LLC: \$337,705.00
3. RG Gosselins: \$447,410.00
4. Shawn Austin Construction: \$428,000.00
5. JBL Hauling and Excavation: \$387,450.00
6. Isaac's Excavating: \$435,000.00
7. J.A. Macdonald: \$313,750.00
8. Alliance Consulting: \$312,400.00

M3 Construction and D&H Excavating came in as the low bidder. Heather McElroy motions to accept the bid for the Ten Mile Square Bridge Replacement from M3 Construction and D&H Excavating for the amount of \$281,404.00. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Set Dates, Times, and Place of Regular Select Board Meetings: Bill Hawkins motions to set the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Town Halls Meeting room as the date, time, and place for the regular Select Board Meetings. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name Newspaper of Record: Heather McElroy motions to make the Newport Daily Express the newspaper of record. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set Rates for Town Equipment: Heather McElroy motions to approve the 2026 rates for town equipment as follows:

1. Grader: \$235.00/hour
2. Dump Trucks: \$150.00/hour
3. Sidewalk Tractor: \$95.00/hour
4. Backhoe: \$130.00/hour
5. Front-End Loader: \$125.00/hour
6. 1-Ton Pickup: \$95.00/hour

Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Appoint Town Officers: Bill Hawkins motions to appoint the following Town Officers:

1. Fence Viewer: The Select Board
2. Pound Keeper: Renee Falconer
3. Tree Warden: Nick Bingham
4. Animal Control Officer: Bruce rumball-Petre
5. Town Clerk & Treasurer: Teresa DeBonville
6. Zoning Administrator: Nick Kittredge
7. Health Officer: Beth Rodondi
8. Lister: Joel Cope

Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Overweight Permits: Bill Hawkins motions to authorize the Chairperson to sign overweight permits. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the general expense fund, and the road department expense fund.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: Tabled.

Executive session: Tabled.

Other business: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM