

## Select Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2026

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

Attending Virtually: Mike Strait, and Bruce Webster.

Mike Testut called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Updates to the Agenda: Glodgett correspondence, Park Project Review, 250<sup>th</sup> logo design, Fire department yard, and Park gazebo area.

Fire Department Yard: Bill Hawkins mentioned that the Brighton Snowmobile club should fix up the yard for damage done while using the yard as part of the trail system. Mike Strait will go look at it when he is here next week and be in contact with them.

Park Gazebo Area: Bill Hawkins also mentioned to the board that this also should be repaired by the Brighton Snowmobile Club from damage from the trail system. Heather McElroy mentioned that the snowmobile club re-seeds this every year when spring hits.

Glodgett Correspondence: Mike Strait informed the board of several correspondences between himself and the Glodgett's on South Street and gave the board copies of all of these to review. The town is not responsible for any of the requests from the Glodgett's but Mike wanted the board to be aware of the situation.

Park Project Review: Mike Strait gave the board a copy of the proposed Lakeside Park Project. Mike Strait will meet with the consultants next week to go over the project. The scope of work has already been approved by the state. This project started two years ago, so Mike Strait wanted the board to be aware that some things may need to be changed, and pricing will need to be updated.

250<sup>th</sup> Logo design: Mike Strait showed the board a mockup of the banner design for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration and wanted the boards input on the design. The board gave Mike some ideas on a minor change in the design.

Public comment: NONE

Project RFP updates: Mike Strait informed the board that he has six bids for the heating and cooling for the town's buildings. We have One bid for the painting of the town hall, and the Park Project will follow.

Union Contract Update: This will be done in Executive Session.

NVDA Board Reappointments: Heather McElroy motions to appoint the Town Manager, Mike Strait as the town's representative to the NVDA board and the Town Administrator, Joel Cope as the backup representative. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

NEKCV Board Reappointments: Heather McElroy motions to appoint the Town Manager, Mike Strait as the town's primary representative to the NEKCV board and James Ozone as the backup representative. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

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

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the general expenditure and the road department's expenditures.

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes previously from the March 18, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Bill Hawkins to approve the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Mike Strait and Bill Hawkins will be working with the fire chief on the burn policy.

The Personnel Policy will be discussed in Executive session along with the union contract.

Mike Strait informed the board that he has applied for the Congregationally Directed Spending Grants from both Senator Welch and Senator Sanders. He has applied for 100% funding for the water treatment project, normally it would be an 80% funding package, but Mike Strait was informed that he was told that the 20% match may be waived and the project would be covered at 100%.

Heather McElroy mentioned that this weekend would be the 2026 Maple Fun Run.

Executive Session: Heather McElroy motions to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 PM with members of the board and the Town Manager in order to discuss personnel matters including the proposed collective bargaining agreement terms under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature public knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Heather McElroy motions to exit Executive Session at 6:25 PM. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. No Action was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM