

Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026

Present: Heather McElroy, Mike Testut, Bill Hawkins, Doug Brent, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Ed Barber, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Joel Cope, and Beth Rodondi.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Updates to the Agenda: Fire Ordinance, and curb appeal grant (zoning administrator)

Public comment: None.

Health Officer Enforcement Action: Beth Rodondi was present to discuss an emergency health order for a property on 38 Curran Avenue. Beth explained to the board that she had made a visit to the property and saw excessive household garbage stored outside. Beth went to the property on 4 different occasions and no answer at the door, with the last visit made on May 19, 2026. Beth also sent a certified letter, which was returned to the town. This requires the town to obtain an emergency public health order. Heather McElroy motions to authorize the Town Manager and Town Health officer to contract for the cleanup of household trash on the property at 38 Curran Avenue pursuant to an order from the Town Health Officer and to secure a lien against said property to recoup all costs associated with said clean-up. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification: Heather McElroy motions to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME Local 24133 of the Vermont AFL-CIO & The Town of Brighton covering the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, and to affix our signatures thereto. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Waste District Fee Increase: Bruce Rumball-Petre explained the fee increases from the Waste District. The waste district will now be charging a fee of \$15.00 to dispose of a refrigerator and \$5.00 to dispose of an air conditioner. Bruce has suggested that the town cover the fee for Brighton residents only. Heather McElroy motions to cover the fee to dispose of these items for residents, taxpayers, and property owners of Brighton only. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Curb Appeal Grants: Bruce Rumball-Petre brought before the board the idea of maybe coming up with a grant that is funded by the town to help residents clean up their properties. The Board explained that they need more information before they will consider this, and that this is a matter that should go before the voters. The board will not make this decision on their own.

Overweight permits: Heather McElroy motions to authorize the chairperson 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 expense account and the road department expense account.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the May 6, 2026, meeting. Bill Hawkins motions to approve the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Executive sessions: There is no need for an Executive session.

Other business: Bill Hawkins discussed the burn ordinance changes that he had come up with. The board will discuss these changes further.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM