

Select Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2026

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

Attending Virtually: Mike Strait, Joel Cope, and Bruce Webster.

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: None.

Public Comment: None.

Grand List Extension Request: The listers have requested a 30-day extension with the state to file an Abstract Grand list. Heather McElroy motions to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Grand List Extension request for 30 days upon request of the Board of Listers. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

1. Project Updates: Mike Strait updated the board on the projects. The heating and cooling system installation has started.
2. The painting of the town hall should start around June 15, 2026.
3. Construction on the 10-mile Square Road bridge should begin in July.
4. The roof repair at the Railroad Depot has been completed
5. The water heaters have been installed at the Railroad Depot
6. An electrical upgrade in the Town hall will also be started.

Burn Ordinance: The board discussed proposed changes to the burn ordinance. Heather McElroy noted that enforcement remains the main challenge, as neither the Sheriff's Department nor the Fire Department is interested in enforcing the ordinance at this time. She also stated that the Health Officer would be a good candidate to receive the training needed to enforce burn ordinance violations. Heather McElroy moved to have the Town Health Officer complete the necessary training to enforce the burn ordinance. The motion did not receive a second. A vote was then taken. Ayes-1, Nays-2.

Personnel Policy: The board reviewed updates to the personnel policy. Bill Hawkins moved to accept and adopt the policy. Heather McElroy recused herself from discussion and voting on this item because she is a town employee and is affected by the policy. Mike Testut seconded the motion. All in favor; motion 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 20, 2026, meeting. Bill Hawkins motions to approve the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Mike Testut had asked about when the paving would be done on Pleasant Street from the culvert replacement. We are waiting on the second quote to come in.

Executive Session: Heather McElroy motions that the board enter executive session at 6:12 PM in order to discuss legal matters regarding town contracts under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 of the Vermont Statutes finding that premature public knowledge would substantially disadvantage the town. Executive session will include members of the board, the Town Manager, and Town Clerk. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Bill Hawkins to exit executive session. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The Select Board Chair announced that the board exited executive session at 6:32 PM. No action was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.