

Select Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2026

Present: Mike Tesut, Heather McElroy, Bill Hawkins, Doug Brent, Mike Strait, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending Virtually: 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: The agenda was updated to include a Budget Report.

Public Comment: None.

FEMA Line of Credit: Heather McElroy motions to approve and sign the FEMA line of credit renewal for the remaining expenses from the 2024 flooding events. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

VTEL Wireless Appeal: Bill Hawkins motions to send the VTEL Wireless tax valuation appeal directly to the Vermont Department of Taxes Division of Property Valuation and Review and authorize the Town Manager to sign all necessary documents. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Park Project Bid Acceptance: Heather McElroy motions to award the Island Pond Lakeside Park Improvements contract to Alliance Consulting & Excavation LLC for \$208,165.00 pending satisfactory completion of pre-contract documentation and authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents for the project. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Special Meeting Notice WWTF Bond: We are ready to close the bond on this project and need the board to sign all documents. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the town hall.

Project Updates: The following are the updates on the ongoing projects.

- The Ten-Mile Square bridge is scheduled for completion in 2 weeks.
- The painting company will be delivering the lift on Thursday and will begin the project on Friday or the beginning of next week. The painter also found the leak in the Passumpsic Bank drive-thru window.
- Awnings have been ordered for the front of the Town Hall Building.
- The Park Project contract has been awarded.
- The Engineering contract has been signed for the downtown project.

- The Waste Water facility should be starting the process of start up in the next 2 weeks.
- The Town Hall heating and air conditioning systems are just about completed in the town hall until the electric is updated. The company has now moved over to the depot and then the town garage. This is the MERP grant projects.
- The town hall security and IT projects are coming along.

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

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026, meeting as printed was made by Heather McElroy. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

Other Business: Heather McElroy gave an update on all the programs that the recreation department is currently doing and will be doing in the future.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM