

Select Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2026

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

Attending Virtually: Mike Strait, Ed Barber, 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.

Planning Commission Appointment: The Planning Commission has recommended to the Select Board the appointment of Chris Wells to the board. Heather McElroy motions to appoint Chris Wells to the Brighton Planning Commission for a term of 4 years expiring on September 1, 2030. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

NEK Broadband Dale Ave Request: NEK Broadband has requested to do work in the town's right of way on Dale Avenue. Mike Strait has talked to the road foreman to see if this was going to be any kind of an issue, and the road foreman told him that no issues should occur with this request. Bill Hawkins motions to approve NEKCV Broadband's request for underground utility construction on Dale Avenue as provided and authorize the Town Manager to execute any necessary documents. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Railroad Depot Painting: Community National Bank's window washer noticed that the sills at the depot were rotting and the trim needs to be painted at the depot. Mike Strait mentioned to the board that this will need to be done within the next couple of years and asked the board if they were interested in contacting the painter of the Town Hall to do this job this year, as he is already in town. Heather McElroy motions to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute an addendum to the Town's contract with G.S. Bostic Painting LLC to include painting the necessary surfaces on the exterior of the Railroad Depot Building in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Project Updates: The Town Manager updated the board on the projects as follows:

1. The 10 Mile Square Road bridge is complete, the guardrails are not as of yet.
2. FEMA damages expire on September 30, 2026, and we still have three culverts to finish, so the Town Manager will be asking for an extension on this deadline.

3. The Wastewater Treatment Facility will be substantially completed on October 12, 2026. The USDA loan for 2.145 million dollars will be paid to our line of credit on September 24, 2026. Work on tearing down the old Wastewater Treatment plant will begin on October 1, 2026.
4. The Water Treatment Facility project is coming along. Mike Strait had a meeting with the 30% final design project last Friday.
5. NBRC has approved the ability to apply for the One-million-dollar grant.
6. Contracts on the park project have all been signed and this project will start on October 1, 2026.
7. The Downtown project contract with the engineers has been signed.
8. Test wells will be dug at the old town garage next week, and the contaminated soil will be picked up next week.

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

Approve minutes of the previous meetings: Heather McElory motions to approve the minutes of September 2, 2026, and the special meeting on September 9, 2026, to sign bond documents. Bill Hawkins seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Executive session: None.

Other business: Heather McElroy mentioned to the board that there will be a Zombie Run held on October 10, 2026, in the State Park.

Mike Strait mentioned to the board that the NEK together conference will be on November 4, 2026, here in Island Pond if any of them are available to attend.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.