

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 2025

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Owen Astbury, Chair

Present: Steve Tarleton, Selectboard Member, Nope Martin, Selectboard Member, Melissa Spear, Treasurer and Nancy Robinson, Clerk.

Visitors: George Spear

Visitors via Zoom: The Wideman's & Andrew McLeod

Additions/changes to the posted agenda: A copy of the fiscal year 25' audit report was given to the board. Will review at the budget meetings.

Owen moved to accept the minutes of December 9, 2025, as written. Steve seconded the motion and carried motion.

Highway Report: In Randy's absence, Steve reported that the crew had been plowing, sanding and keeping the roads open.

Treasurer's File: Expense warrant #26-12 was reviewed and signed. (e-ck #'s 3004-3007 and ck's 22207-22231). Paying invoices for repairs to sander, tax overpayment refunds and invoice for nuts and bolts approved at the last meeting.

Payroll warrant #26-06 was reviewed and approved.

A current (6-month) budget status report and fund balance report were given to the board to review.

Melissa reported that the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the Hale Hollow Bridge project was held on January 16th, 12 contractors were in attendance and were given all information that town had at that time. Still working on getting updated Scope of Work. In hopes of having more information by the January 13th meeting. Plan to put project out to bid in February, to begin work in June to be completed by September.

Clerk's File: Nancy reported that her computer is functional and she can do the necessary work at this time.

The January calendar was reviewed, which includes two regular and two budget meetings.

Old business: After a brief discussion of the local options tax information presented at the last meeting and no new information presented at this meeting, Owen moved not to act on the option tax at this time. Steve seconded the motion and carried motion.

Owen inquired about the status of the salt shed. When last discussed, plans were going to be found/obtained and reviewed to get preliminary concrete costs. Nancy was given some plans by TRORC, not sure if they are what the board can use or not. Board will review the plans and discuss with Randy during budget meeting.

December 30, 2025 minutes cont.

New business: A year-end Errors and Omissions report was signed by the Board. This included three grand list changes due to Current Use adjustments.

Visitors: Andrew McLeod thanked the board and elected officials for everything that they do and reported that he would like to work with the town to develop ways to raise revenues to offset taxes. Will be in touch with officials.

Being no other business, Owen moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk