

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Owen Astbury, Chair  
Present: Norman (Nope) Martin, Selectboard Member and Steve Tarleton, Selectboard Member  
Nancy Robinson, Clerk, Melissa Spear, Treasurer & Natasha Bochkov, Data Clerk

Zoom: The Wideman's & George Spear

**Additions to agenda:** Contract Discussion in executive session.

Owen moved to enter executive session for personal with Natasha and contract per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a-3) and (a-1-a). Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. At this time the zoom site was muted and Melissa and Nancy left the room.

The board came out of executive session at 4:26 pm. Owen made the following statement: the board has decided to terminate the employment of Natasha Bochkov as Date Clerk.

Owen moved and Steve seconded to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026, as written.  
Motion carried.

**Highway Report:** Randy reported that the crew have been plowing and sanding roads. Have had trucks off the road 2x in the past week. Edges are soft and hard to see with the new snow. Equipment repairs/fixes have kept Randy busy. Jonathan has hauled 11 loads of sand from D & D. May need a few more loads to get through the season. Salt should be ok if we don't get much more weather.

Board members reviewed the Roads and Bridge Standards forms. Annual adoption of these standards allows the town to qualify for federal and state funding. Owen moved to adopt the standards, Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried. Forms were signed and will be sent back to the State/VTRANS.

**Treasurer's File:** Expense warrant #26-16 (e-ck's #3017-3021 and ck's 22285-22307) was reviewed and signed. Payroll warrant #26-08 was reviewed and signed.

**Clerk's File:** Excess weight permits were approved for Bethel Mills, Markowski Exc. And St. Pierre Inc. The March calendar of meetings and events was given to the board.

**Old business:** Lane Simon of Simon Operating Services sent a follow-up email to the town saying that with some restructuring they will be able to continue operating the treatment facility. Nancy had reached out to several wastewater companies and had set up a site visit with a company scheduled for next Wednesday. Board would like to keep options open, will keep meeting scheduled for next week and go from there. Nope will attend the site visit.

**New business:** Board members reviewed the only bid that came in for the Southgate House energy MERP grant. Bid was from Heritage Restoration in the amount of \$31,670. This is basically for insulation and weatherizing. Owen moved and Nope seconded to award the bid to Heritage Restoration. Melissa mentioned that the board should consider getting the front door

refinished while this work is going on. Once the bid is signed by both parties, there will be a kick-off meeting to discuss scheduling of building access and other logistics.

Owen noted that no one bid on the Highway Garage energy portion.

Town has received notice of a pre-conference Teams Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 1:00 pm to discuss the replacement existing bridges on VT Route 100. Bridge #116 is in Bridgewater and Bridge #112 is in Plymouth. Both bridges are on the state highway but have Bridgewater and Plymouth residents that abut or have an interest in the bridge work and/or road bypass or closure. Randy may attend the conference all if weather allows.

**Visitors:** No comment

Being no other business to come before the board, Owen moved to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk