

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2025

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Owen Astbury, Chair

Present: Steve Tarleton, Selectboard Member, Nope Martin, Selectboard Member, Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman and Melissa Spear, Treasurer

Visitors: Mary Oldenburg and George Spear

Visitors via Zoom: Dennis & Joan Wideman and Nancy Robinson, Clerk

Additions/changes to agenda: Discussion under Highway Dept. of Right of Way application for culvert replacement for David Peterson, North Bridgewater Road.

Nope moved to accept the minutes of May 27, 2025. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Scheduled Visitor: Ryan Palmer, Windsor County Sheriff did not come. Will be invited to next meeting to discuss contract.

**Highway Report:** Randy reported an issue that happened on Bridgewater Hill last week due to the rain which caused a “pond” to give out and clogged several culverts and washed some of the road. Crew have been ditching above the wash.

Randy met with Scott Jensen (ANR) regarding getting the permit for the Pearson Road project. Ready to begin the work.

Discussion of work project on the North Bridgewater Road; Kenyon’s are building a new house and would like a culvert to be relocated below the new house location. They are willing to pay for the new (18”) culvert and material if town will approve the work. While this work is being done, a neighbor across the street (D. Peterson) would like new culverts installed. These would also be 18” culverts. Not sure that both could be installed as they may hit ledge along the ditch line. Any work done in the town right of way would be needed to follow the town ordinance.

Discussed buried telephone cables in/on Barnard Chateaugay Road. VTEL didn’t mark correctly, wires were cut and need to be re-buried. VTEL is working on the issue.

Brief discussion of the class 4 portion of Standish Road. Old road is eroding and needs some work done to it. Will discuss at a future time.

**Treasurer’s File:** Expense warrant #25-19 (ck #'s 21874-21897 and e-ck #'s 2954-2956) was signed. The annual Internal Control Checklist was reviewed and signed. Will be given to the Auditors. Melissa gave the board members copies of the FY 24 completed audit report. Working on FY 25. Melissa presented a contract for the board to review for Natasha Bochkov, Assessor Data Clerk. Contract confirmed job description and salary as approved at the last meeting. Natasha has been working and has gotten the homestead declarations verified and hopes to have the new applications completed within the next week. Hoping to set grand list by end of month and hold Lister Grievances in July.

**Clerk’s File:** A Solid Waste Collectors permit for ABLE Waste Management was approved and signed. An excess weight permits were approved for Barnard Exc. And Logging. A copy was given to Randy to pass on to Barnard Exc. Steve moved and Owen seconded to approve 1<sup>st</sup>. Class, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Class and Outside Consumption applications for Long Trail Brewing Co. Motion carried.

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**Old business:** Owen reported that David Buckley, new town assessor, was in the office last Wednesday to meet Natasha and set up plans and schedules for getting work done to set grand list. The state has approved the request for filing the extension.

**New Business:** Owen signed a contract for TRORC to assist the Planning Commission with updating the Town Plan which the town recently got a grant to complete in early 2026. The annual ABLE Waste Management contract was approved and signed for the Fast Trash program held each Saturday at the Town Garage on a motion made by Steve and seconded by Owen. A 5-year contract was reviewed and signed to continue with Simon Operating Services who operate the Wastewater Treatment Facility with annual cost increases on a motion made by Nope and seconded by Steve.

Visitors: None

Owen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

Nancy Robinson, Clerk