

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Bruce Maxham

Visitors via Zoom: Dennis & Joan Wideman, The Martins, George Spear & Ryan Palmer, Windsor County Sheriff

Additions/changes to agenda: Solid Waste Haulers Permits for Casella & North Star Rubbish Removal, Woodstock Ambulance Contract, Payroll Rate Sheet, and Dry Hydrant Agreement (Richmond Hill Rd)

Nope moved to accept the minutes of June 10, 2025 as written. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Scheduled Visitor: Ryan Palmer, Sheriff zoomed in at 7:30 pm

Highway Report: Randy was not in attendance this evening. Steve reported that work has begun on the Pearson and Baker Hill projects. Nope asked about temporary culvert placement at Pearson Road, does not appear to be according to bid specifications. Steve will follow up with Randy. Culvert has been changed at the Kenyon property on the North Bridgewater Road. Road was closed for a few hours last Thursday. Randy had notified emergency services and put up signs. Nope was not aware of road closure and felt that the board members should be informed of these types of actions. Discussion of new culvert placement at the Peterson property (N. Bridgewater Rd). Access points have been used for quite a few years without culverts. Most recent road rebuild made it difficult to use access points as the town road raised and the ditches deep. Culverts were installed last week at the same time that the Kenyon project was done. Work is not up to town grade and distance specification. Notice to Proceed with correct specs and 60 day notice to comply was signed by the board and will be sent to the property owner.

Treasurer's File: Expense warrant #25-20 was reviewed and signed. (e-check #'s 2957-2962 and ck's 21898-21915). June payroll warrant was reviewed and signed. (e-cks #4258-4279 and ck's # 5335-5341). A current budget status report was reviewed by the board. Will be one more check "run" in July for end of year invoices. Need to make a few minor adjustments to move items from June into July payment. Discussed Sand Shed funds of \$150,000. approved in the next FY budget. Still have to reimburse the State for Grant of approx. \$25,000. Will put sand shed item for discussion on the meeting agenda. Board may want to consider starting an Emergency Fund for future floods etc. Melissa gave the board a Fund Balance accounting of all of the town accounts. Board reviewed and signed the annual pay rate sheet authorizing payroll increases as of July 1st.

Clerk's File: Solid Waste Haulers permits were approved and signed for Casella Waste and North Star Rubbish Removal.

Old business: None

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New Business: Bruce Maxham on behalf of the BVFD asked the board to approve and sign off on A Landowner Agreement giving permission for the use of the bridge(town owned) at Richmond Hill Road for a dry hydrant. Owen moved and Steve 2nd. to approve the agreement. Motion carried. Bruce reported that he is putting in a pond on his property using Grant and FEMA funds. Discussion of working/non-working hydrants in town.

Board reviewed the Ambulance Contract, no changes. Owen moved and Steve 2nd to approve and sign. Motion carried.

Discussion of Recreation Field: There has been a request to use the tennis court for pickleball. Would need to purchase net and paint lines. Whose expense would this be? Further discussion of field and work that needs to be done; drainage ditch is plugged; lower end of field needs to be repaired and topsoil brought in for playground use. Electrical work also needs to be completed. Town has received FEMA funds to replace the "boat" grill and tables. May have some funds left to repair field. Board members will meet at Recreation Field on July 8th at 6:00 pm (before regular meeting) to look at what needs to be done to the field. Need to get work done before new picnic items are put in. Should do electrical work at the same time as other work.

At this time, Sheriff Palmer zoomed into the meeting. Board reviewed contract with Sheriff which is for 10 hours a week at \$75.00 per hour (\$39,000). Still doing back road patrols. Will concentrate a little more on the North Bridgewater Road (early morning). Will try to use some Governor's Safety funds to add a few more hours for town coverage. Owen moved to appoint Steve as the town's point of contact liaison. Steve agreed. Owen moved to approve and sign the contract. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried with 2 yea's and 1 no.

Being no other business, Owen moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk