

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2026

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

Present: Norman (Nope) Martin, Selectboard Member and Steve Tarleton, Selectboard Member  
Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman, Nancy Robinson, Clerk, Melissa Spear, Treasurer

In-Person – George Spear and Samantha Marcinkowski

Zoom: The Wideman's, Tommy Tankard, Otis B. Driftwood & Michael

**First order of business is to elect a chairperson and vice chair.**

Steve moved to appoint Owen as Chair. Nope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Owen moved to appoint Steve as Vice-Chair. Nope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Additions to agenda:** Excess Weight Permits for Amerigas, Bazin Brothers & Weston Pulpwood

**Highway Report:** Randy has been winging back snowbanks with grader. Truck is at Earle's as it needs to have a depth pump replaced. Has put the underbody scrapper onto the truck. Roads are muddy but not too bad yet. Bridgewater Hill and Dailey Hollow Roads are the worst. Getting ready for spring. Rain is projected later this week.

Owen moved and Nope seconded to approve the Roads & Bridge Standards Certification of Compliance form. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's File:** Melissa introduced Sam (new asst. Treasurer) to the board.

Expense warrant #26-17 (e-ck's #3022-3025 and ck's 22308-22338) was reviewed and signed.

**Clerk's File:** Excess weight permits were approved for Conn. Valley Trucking, Amerigas, Bazin Brothers and Weston Pulpwood.

**Old business:** Nope reported that he met with Chris Hayes (SOS) and three representatives from Laramie Wastewater to view the treatment facility. Phil Laramie was impressed with plant. Both Laramie and Chris Hayes (Chris is retiring from SOS and intended to start his own business) are interested in putting in proposals to run the plant. Only drawback for Laramie is that they are located on Newport, VT. State likes plant operators to live within a 30–40-minute drive from facilities.

Melissa reported that she phoned A-1 Septic last week as the bathrooms in the treasurer office were backing up. This has been an ongoing issue for a few years. Tree roots have infiltrated the line, and the line needs to be replaced or cleaned out. A-1 has a new machine that can be put into the line from the inside and "chew" up the roots. Quoted price for machine, labor and travel was approx. \$1,500.00. After some discussion it was decided that Melissa would follow up with A-1 to see if they had put a camera down the line when they were here before to see what the line is made of and exact tree root issues. Melissa will have more information at the next meeting.

**New business:** Nope moved to appoint the following list of annual appointments, Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

E 9-1-1 Coordinator	(Justin Wardwell)
Emergency Management Coordinator	(Josh Maxham)
Road Commissioner	(Steve Tarleton)
Tree Warden	(David Dibenedetto)
Fence Viewers (this is a may/do not have to appt.)	(Cliff Geno, Andy Bird & Owen Astbury)
Newspaper of Record	(VT Standard)
Physical Posting of Notice Locations	(Town Offices, Post Offices)
Representative to TROP (Two River Ottauquechee Planning Commission)	(Lynne Bertram)
Representative to GUVSWMD (Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Mgt. District)	(Lynne Bertram)

Owen moved and Steve seconded to appoint Randy Kennedy to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Owen moved and Nope seconded to approve the Rules of Procedure document. Motion carried.

Melissa asked Owen to read the list of appointments for anyone interested.

Selectboard Essentials Training will be in Stowe on April 11, 2026, from 8:30 -4.

Owen noted that David Buckley, Assessor, will attend the next meeting at 4:00pm.

**Visitors:** No comment

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk