

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

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Meeting was called to order at 4:04 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 and David  
Buckley, Assessor

In-Person – Samantha Marcinkowski  
Zoom: Michael

**Additions to agenda:** None

Owen moved to enter into executive session per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a) (3) for personnel with David  
Buckley. Steve seconded the motion and the carried motion.

The zoom site was muted and recording paused. Melissa, Sam and Nancy left the room.

Zoom was un-muted and recording resumed.

Admitted to zoom at 5:00 pm were the Wideman's and Otis B. Driftwood.

Owen reported that the board came out of executive session at 4:58 pm. No action was taken.

Minutes of March 10, 2026: Owen moved to approve with the following correction, in the  
highway report, the spelling of depth should be DEF. Steve seconded the motion and the motion  
carried.

**Highway Report:** The board reviewed an access application for Jim Earle to a road to the back  
side of the house at 140 Hale Hollow Road to make renovations. Owen moved and Steve  
seconded to approve the application and the Notice to Proceed was signed.

No certificate of mileage was done as this was an action that had already been completed.

The board approved Letter(s) of Intent for an Erosion Inventory Grant and FY27 Municipal Road  
Grant to continue with the stone line ditching program. The board also reviewed and approved  
the Municipal Roads General Permit annual report form which shows the municipalities'  
progress in implementing stone line ditching program.

The board reviewed the FY27 Municipal Highway Grant Application (Structures) for the  
engineering costs (\$23,000.00) of work to be done on a culvert on the Cox District Road  
(Smith's property). Owen moved and Nope seconded to approve applying for this grant.  
Randy reported that one of the trucks is going to Earle's for new brakes and inspection.  
Working on roads as weather allows. Randy has some vacation time that needs to be used up  
and is hoping to take a day or two off within the next couple of weeks.

**Treasurer's File:** Expense warrant #26-18 (e-ck's #3026-3032 and ck's 22339-22358) was  
reviewed and signed. Includes payments to USDA loans and Western Star Truck payment.  
A current budget status report was also given to the board to review.

**Clerk's File:** Excess weight permits were approved for Blaktop Inc., Country Fuels, C.V.Oil  
Co., and Martin Exc. April meeting calendar was given to the board. Next board meeting is  
scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at the regular 4:30pm time.

**Old business:** Melissa had a quote from A-1 for scoping and root removal (chain linking) of the septic line here at the Southgate House of \$250.00 plus mileage and \$1,500 for the root removal plus mileage. Per conversations with A-1, they do not have any record of ever scoping the line. Septic is working ok at this time, so work is not critical but needs to be done as this has been an issue for several years. Owen moved to have A-1 come out to scope the line to determine what needs to be done. Nope amended the motion to add that if the scoping indicates root problems, then A-1 should remove the roots at the same time at a cost of \$1,750.00. Steve added to the motion at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Nope seconded the motion and the motion carried. Owen asked/suggested that Nope be available/onsite when A-1 comes to act for the board. Melissa will follow up with A-1 to get this job scheduled.

No updates to Wastewater Facility. No word from either contractor.

**New business:** None

**Visitors:** No comment

Being no other business to come before the board, Owen moved to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk