

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Brendon McLean and guest

Visitors via Zoom: The Wideman's

Additions/changes to agenda: None.

Owen moved to accept the minutes of October 21, 2025 as written. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Highway Report: Randy reported that they are getting the trucks and equipment ready for winter weather. Working on Barnard Chateaugay Road, fixed a culvert and hammered some ledge. Chris Bump our VTRANS rep. is retiring at the end of the year. Randy will follow up with Rita at TRORC regarding the Structures/Engineering grant application which is due by November 7th. Sand will be available for residents outside the town garage gate when the weather turns bad.

Treasurer's File: Expense warrant #26-09 was reviewed and signed. (e-ck #'s 2992 and ck's 22110-22127). Paying Earle's Truck Repair for work done to a highway truck. McFarland-Johnson for the Hale Hollow Bridge engineering report and design. Have not received design yet. Payroll warrant #26-04 was reviewed and signed. Town has received approx. \$2,000 in donations for the Recreation Field. Taxes are coming in.

Clerk's File: An excess weight permit was signed for Jewell Transport. Brief discussion of charging the \$5/10 fee for weight permits. Will leave as is, no fee for now.

Old business: Owen reported that the town had received notice that the solar project (on fire station) was going to begin on November 17th. Owen met this morning with representatives from Catamount Solar, the fire department, and the community foundation to review the plan going forward. Will bring a storage box to set beside the fire station that will hold their equipment. Solar panels will be brought in as needed.

New business: Board members reviewed the Errors and Omissions report (corrections of the 2025 Grand List values). Tabled at this time to get more information from the Assessor.

Visitors: Brendon McLean of 1340 Oxbow Road asked the board about considering and the process of reclassifying the Oxbow Road from Class 4 (not maintained in the winter) to class 3. There are a couple of sites that may need blasting to make the road wide enough for travel and maintenance.

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Property owners would be responsible for bringing the road up to class 3 standards. The road is approx. 1 mile in length between the Class 3 section and the Killington Town Line. Randy will meet with Mr. McLean to discuss some of the work and process that would be required.

Being no other business, Owen moved to adjourn at 4:50 pm. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk