

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 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 and Nancy Robinson, Clerk.  
Melissa is not in attendance as she is out of town.

Visitors: None

Visitors via Zoom: The Martins & Jerry Oppenheimer

Additions/changes to agenda: Owen requested an executive session at the end of the meeting with only the other selectboard members present.

Nope moved to accept the minutes of October 7, 2025 as written. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

**Scheduled Visitor:** None

**Highway Report:** Board members reviewed the Right of Way application for Laura Melbourne (Kirby-Whelen) property on the North Bridgewater Road. Will need cones and signage when completing work next spring. Owen moved and Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the application.

Plans are being drafted for the Hale Hollow Bridge repair which will have to go out to bid. Project won't be completed now until spring.

Owen moved and Nope 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Better Back Roads Grant application for work on Steven's Road. Towns are notified of grant awards in the spring.

Discussion of VTRANS grant for the Cox District Road/culvert by the Smith property. Town needs to apply for an engineering grant first and if awarded then apply for the structures grant next year. Owen moved to proceed with the engineering grant application for an amount of approx. \$30,000, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.

Randy reported that the crew have been cleaning out and fixing culverts on the North Bridgewater Road including the culvert by Rands and on Atwood Lane. Turning water and making water bars as needed. There is a culvert on the Chateauguay Road (by Walker Hill Rd) that also needs to be repaired/replaced. All the vehicles have been inspected and are ready for winter. May need to purchase chains. All of the crushed gravel has been moved from the field in Bridgewater Center (Kennedy/Jenne) to the town garage.

**Treasurer's File:** Expense warrant #26-08 was reviewed and signed. (e-ck #'s 2990-2991 and ck's 22096-22109).

**Clerk's File:** None

**Old business:** None

**October 21, 2025 minutes cont.**

**New business:** Town has received a letter from the Historical Society appraising them of a planned painting project to the first floor of the building being done by Dale Carvalho. Historical Society will cover the painting expense.

**Visitors:** None

**Executive Session:** Owen moved to enter into executive session at 4:50 pm with the other board members to discuss a personnel issue. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried. Owen reported that the Board exited executive session at 5:02 pm with no action taken.

Being no other business, Owen moved to adjourn at 5:03 pm. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk