

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 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, Melissa Spear, Treasurer, Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman and Nancy Robinson, Clerk.

Visitors: Natasha Bochkov, George Spear & Bruce Martin

Visitors via Zoom: Dennis & Joan Wideman & The Martins

Additions/changes to agenda: None

Nope moved to accept the minutes of September 23, 2025 as written. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Scheduled Visitor: None

Highway Report: Pat Ross has completed the hydraulic study for the Cox District Road culvert project. Needs to discuss with Chris Bump at VTRANS to determine if project also needs to be engineered since it so large. If it needs to be engineered, town can apply for engineering grant and then a structures grant to do the culvert. May take a little longer but town is in a good position to get the grants.

Randy is meeting with Chris Bump tomorrow morning at the VTRANS office in White River Jct., to discuss and put together the scope of work information for the Hale Hollow Bridge. Scope will then be sent to FEMA for approval (could take up to 6 months) and will then need to be put out to bid with the understanding that the contractors may not be able to start the work until next year.

Randy is working with Laura Melbourne regarding a right of way permit to repair a stone wall at her property on the North Bridgewater Road. Will meet with Laura on Thursday.

Crew have been hauling gravel to Grandma's Road. Shawn graded roads last week while Randy was on vacation. Has been out of work this week due to illness.

One of the trucks is down which may be due to a fuel leak.

Bruce Martin asked about the crushed gravel in Randy's field, left from the 2023 flood. Some of the gravel has been used on roads and as time allows road crew will try to get moved over to the town garage. Also, discussion of where town is purchasing (Markowski's pit) gravel and where it is being trucked to (either job site or to town garage) and cost effectiveness of trucking the gravel.

Treasurer's File: Expense warrant #26-07 was reviewed and signed. (e-ck #'s 2987-2989 and ck's 22074-22095). Paying for winter sand, Woodstock Ambulance un-collectable accounts and SOS pump installation.

Melissa gave the board current year budget status and fund balance reports.

Board reviewed and approved Recreation Donation letter which will be sent out later this week.

Any funds donated are tax deductible and donors will be sent thank you letters with tax deductible information.

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Clerk's File: None

Old business: Steve reported that the culverts at the Peterson property on the North Bridgewater Road have been removed. Not sure what is any further action will be taken by Mr. Peterson.

New business:

Visitors:

Executive Session: Natasha requested an executive session with the board to discuss a personnel item with the board. Steve moved to enter into executive session at 4:55 pm. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Steve moved to return to open meeting at 5:40 pm. Owen seconded the motion and motion carried. Owen reported that no decisions were made.

Being no other business, Owen moved to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk