

Selectboard Minutes
July 15, 2025

Present: Paul Kleinman, Chair
Letty Bedard
Andy Artimovich
~~Jon Morgan~~
Jim Michaud

At 6:00pm, Kleinman called the meeting to order.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Bedard would like the minutes of July 1st removed from the consent agenda, as they were received 2 hours prior to the meeting and that is not sufficient time to review them. Kleinman motioned, seconded by Michaud, to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from May 20th, June 17th, July 1st, and July 8th, non-public minutes from July 1st, which are sealed, and the following building permits:

Name/Entity	Address	Project Type
John & Sharon Cofer	1131 Crawley Falls Rd U2	Electrical
River Run Development, LLC	7 Edgewater Dr	Electrical
ROH Realty	5 Tanya Ln	Electrical
River Run Development, LLC	18 Edgewater Dr	Plumbing

Artimovich, Michaud, and Kleinman – aye; Bedard – nay; motion carried 3-1.

The board discussed committee appointments. The board was in receipt of an email from Becky Dunham, Conservation Commission Chair. Dunham expressed the commission’s recommendation to appoint Heather Dudley-Tatum and Jeff Dvorak as full members with 3-year terms; Dunham as a full member with a 1-year term and Christopher Gnip as an alternate with a 1-year term. Dunham will be stepping down as chair of the conservation commission. Wofchuck will be taking over the open space committee. Michaud motions to approve the appointments as stated, seconded by Artimovich. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Hajjar, Cemetery Trustees, Chair, spoke in support of appointing Caleb Labbe and Elaine Lynch to 1-year alternate terms. Michaud motioned, seconded by Artimovich to approve the appointments as stated. All in favor, motion carried.

Andy Gray, Recreation Director, was present to speak in support of appointing Julie Velevis and Joe Tammik as full voting members with 3-year terms and Laura Hajjar and Joanne Phillips as alternates with 1-year terms. Michaud motioned, seconded by Artimovich to approve the appointments as stated. All in favor, motion carried.

Regional Associations had two reappointments, Michelle Siudut and Dawn Hanik. Michaud motioned to approve the reappointments, seconded by Artimovich. All in favor, motion carried.

Janice Wiers, Library Director, was present to discuss the reappointment of library trustee alternates, Lawton and Lordis, to 1-year terms. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud to approve the reappointments as stated. All in favor, motion carried.

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Tony Belanger, Casella, was present to discuss Brentwood's transition to automated trash pickup. Bedard had questions regarding purchasing alternate cart sizes. Kleinman presented the draft trash policy. Artimovich suggested adding a schedule of fees to be determined. Michaud proposed continuing with manual pickup and to let the issue be decided at town meeting. There was a discussion amongst the board about feeling rushed to sign the contract.

At 6:45pm Kleinman opened the discussion up to public comments.

Tara Hafey, Eleanor's Way, had comments regarding the cost of the current system versus automated and questions regarding the disposal of old barrels. There was a discussion with the board and Belanger regarding Hafey's concerns.

The board was in receipt of an email from Kristin Aldred, Planning Board Chair, with comments regarding the dangers of the job as a waste collector.

Brett Ramsdell, South Road, had comments regarding the possibility of a cardboard dumpster at the highway shed.

Debbie LaRoche, Crawley Falls Rd, had questions regarding the cost of disposing of trash versus recycling.

Ward Byrne, Rowell Road, East, had questions regarding how the trash contract has become such an issue.

Jim Berlo, Scrabble Road, had comments regarding the industry.

Mark Kennedy, Land Use Administrator, suggested having 65- and 95-gallons carts available at the town office for residents to view.

Michelle Stygles, South Road, had comments in support of bringing the trash discussion to town meeting.

Jim Hajjar, Budget Committee, stated that members of the budget committee are looking into ways to reduce waste costs.

George Phillips, Three Ponds Drive, had questions regarding how to replace damaged carts.

Michaud motioned to stay with manual pickup through the town meeting vote.

Evan Crafts, Peabody Drive, had questions regarding the higher cost associated with staying with manual pick up.

Jim Berlo, Shannon's Way, had comments regarding using the unassigned fund balance.

Kathy Beggin, Parshley Lane, asked why the decision is being delayed.

Mark Kennedy, Prescott Road had comments regarding budgeting.

Jim Hajjar recommended budgeting the same as this year and including a warrant article at town meeting.

Kleinman seconded Michaud's motion to stay with manual pickup through the town meeting vote. Kleinman, Michaud, Artimovich – aye; Bedard – nay. Motion carried, 3-1.

Dexter Swasey, Historical Society, President, was present to ask the board to spend \$3,250 for an assessment through NHPA. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud to approve the historical society spending \$3,250 for an assessment through NHPA. Bedard has recused herself. Kleinman, Artimovich, Michaud – aye. Motion carried.

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The board is in receipt of building inspector Bob Donovan's resignation. Michaud motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to accept the resignation. All in favor, motion carried.

Wayne Robinson, Road Agent, was present with an update on stop line striping. Robinson stated there are 69 main roads in town, including development entrances, but not interior roads. Michaud would like to get 3 bids. Artimovich stated he is not opposed to doing through roads such as Prescott, Scrabble and Deer Hill (among others). There was a discussion regarding town versus state cost. Michaud will reach out to Executive Council, Janet Stevens. Discussion tabled.

The budget timeline was reviewed. Artimovich reviewed the past budget process.

At 8:22pm Kleinman opened public comment.

Todd Bradsher, Pickpocket Road, had concerns regarding the budget.

Artimovich asked for an audit update. Hansen stated that the nonfinancial portion is complete.

Seeing no other public comment, Kleiman closed public comment at 8:25pm.

At 8:25pm Artimovich motioned to go into nonpublic for personnel and legal. This motion was seconded by Michaud. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – abstain; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix