

Selectboard Minutes
August 19, 2025

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

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

Jon Morgan read his letter of resignation into the record; it can be found at the end of these minutes. Morgan's resignation will be effective August 31, 2025.

Artimovich motioned to approve the manifest. Michaud seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Artimovich motioned to approve the consent agenda which consisted of building permits, the recreation manifest and current use warrant. Seconded by Michaud. All in favor, motion carried.

Nikki Winoski, 432 Middle Road was present to discuss changing her property card to show the stick-built structure to the main residence and the mobile home to the ADU. This will bring the property into compliance. The stick-built does not have a certificate of occupancy. Michaud motioned to change the property card to reflect the stick-built as the as the main residence and the mobile home as the ADU. Artimovich seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The certificate of occupancy will be addressed.

The Board introduced Julie Stevens as the new Finance Director.

Fire Chief, Joe Bird's resignation letter was read into record, it can be found at the end of these minutes. Chief Bird's resignation will be effective October 30th, 2025.

The building inspectors hours were discussed, up to 35 hours.

Chief Doty was present to notify the Board of an increase in the detail rate to \$70 per hour.

Chief Doty addressed the Mill Road complaints. The police department, land use department, highway department, State Police, and developer, have worked together to address all concerns and confirm proper signage is in place.

Chief Doty had comments regarding employee health care cut rumors.

Melissa Litchfield had comments regarding reducing the speed limit on 125, Chief Doty responded that studies do not support reducing the speed limit. Litchfield asked about increasing the speed limit on Route 101, Chief Doty referred Litchfield to Trop A.

Joe Delisle had comments regarding window tint and changing laws.

Deputy Chief Olsen had comments regarding employee health insurance buyouts.

Deputy Chief Olsen was present to discuss the fire department's opportunity to obtain a military vehicle to be converted into a tanker at no cost. The vehicle does not come with a tank; one will need to be purchased. The Fire Association is able to

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help with the cost of the tank, paint and decals. Bedard motioned to accept the tanker. Liz Faria, South Road, had questions regarding the ownership of the tanker. All in favor, motion carried.

Kleinman discussed with the board the leftover conservation funds from the Fuller easement. The conservation commission would like to apply those funds to the upcoming Munger/Nooney purchase. Kleinman motioned to approve applying the remaining \$8,143 to the Munger/Nooney purchase. Seconded by Michaud. Morgan – abstained, all other in favor, motion carried.

The preliminary KRT letters will go out next week.

Bedard presented a potential COLA policy. “It is the intention of the selectboard to ensure that employee compensation stays even with the rate of inflation. To that end , barring extenuating budgetary circumstances all town employees will get an annual pay increase of no less than the federal social security for the same year.” A discussion followed and this will be addressed at the upcoming meeting.

At 7:10pm Kleinman opened public comment.

Liz Faria, South Road, thanked Morgan for his time as a selectboard member and comments regarding trash pickup.

Doug Marino, Mill Pond Road, thanked Morgan for always being inclusive and transparent regarding town government.

Janice Wiers, Library Director, had comments regarding the summer reading program and the budget.

Betsy Ibbitson, Scrabble Road, had comments regarding the rec summer camp program, the summer reading program and library events. Ibbitson had comments regarding Morgan’s departure, remote attendance and Facebook and the town web page.

Melissa Litchfield, Eleanor’s Way, thanked Morgan and had comments regarding the Brentwood Newsletter.

Kleinman closed public comment at 7:30pm.

Committee updates were provided.

Heather Haggett, Middle Road had questions regarding the sale of town equipment/vehicles.

At 7:50pm Artimovich motioned to go into nonpublic for hiring and personnel. This motion was seconded by Bedard. Artimovich – aye; Michaud – aye; Mantegari – aye; Bedard – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

At 8:42pm Mantegari motioned to come out of nonpublic. Seconded by Artimovich. Bedard – aye; Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix

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Letters of resignation will be added here when digital copies are obtained.

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