

Selectboard Minutes  
September 1, 2026

Present: Robert Mantegari, Chair  
Letty Bedard  
Paul Kleinman  
David Menter  
Remote: Jim Michaud, vice Chair

At 6:00pm Mantegari called the Public Meeting to order.

Mantegari made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to allow Board member Kleinman to attend the meeting remotely. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard & Menter voted in favor.

Following the review of payroll reading accounts payable, Mantegari made a motion to sign this week's manifest, Michaud seconded the motion; Mantegari, Michaud, Kleinman & Menter voted in favor; Bedard abstained.

Michaud presented a new tractor and plow for Highway. With an \$18,000 trade in for an old tractor (Kubota M9000) the request is to purchase a New Holland 100 and a Boom Mower for \$115,225.26. Michaud motioned, Mantegari seconded to suspend the three-bid process, to purchase the tractor and not to exceed \$115,225.26; roll call in favor: Michaud, Mantegari, Kleinman, Menter Bedard.

Michaud made a motion to purchase a 12' plow for the loader that the Highway Department currently uses for \$24,879.40, Menter seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Mantegari, Michaud, Menter, Kleinman, and Bedard.

Meeting Minutes: Menter made the motion to approve Aug. 18 meeting minutes, Bedard seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Mantegari, Michaud, Menter, Bedard, and Kleinman.

Non-public Minutes: Bedard stated that the non-public meeting minutes do not need to be sealed. Mantegari made a motion to not seal and approve the non-public meeting minutes, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Michaud, Menter, Bedard and Mantegari and Kleinman abstained.

Driveway permit process: The Planning Board has set the fees for driveway permits as \$1,000 and there needs to be a pre-and-post inspection. The selectboard has the authority to set fees for driveway permits. Kennedy presented how driveway permits get processed. Michaud motioned that the Planning Board revisit the permit fee and suggest they consider a tiered system; Mantegari seconded the motion; roll call in favor to send the driveway permit fees back to the Planning Board: Michaud, Mantegari, Menter, Kleinman; not in favor: Bedard.

## **Conservation Commission**

Rob Wufchuck presented an appointment for Local River Management Advisory Committee: Rob Weymres introduced himself. Mantegari made a motion to approve the appointment, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call to approve the appointment: Menter, Bedard, Kleinman, Michaud and Mantegari.

Mantegari made a motion to approve the appointments: Emma Laham and Chris Gnip through 2029 and Lise McNaughton through 2027, Menter seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Michaud, Bedard, Menter, Kleinman and Mantegari.

Open Space Bond expires at the end of 2027. Warrant Article to be presented in March.

Removal Pickpocket Dam: 60% of design is complete. Work may begin as soon as 2028.

Woss presented the contract for postage meter and folding machine with Formax. Bedard made the motion to approve the contract, Mantegari seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Michaud, Menter, Kleinman, Bedard and Mantegari.

Yerkes requested approval for MRI contract to assist with reconciliation for the 2025 Audit. Mantegari made a motion to approve the contact with MRI of not to exceed 50 hours/\$5,000, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Mantegari, Menter, Michaud, Bedard and Kleinman.

## **Cemetery Committee**

Jim Hajjar requested a Selectboard member be represented on the Cemetery Sub-Committee for Cemetery Design. Mantegari made the motion to Menter to serve on the Sub-Committee for the Cemetery Design and Kleinman to serve as his alternate, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Kleinman, Menter, Bedard, Mantegari, and Michaud.

Bedard made a motion to approve the invoice for Block 5 to come out of the Capital Reserve Hardware line item, Menter seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Michaud, Menter, Bedard, Mantegari, and Kleinman.

## **Committee Updates**

Parks and Recreation: Irrigation project is moving forward for the lower fields. Highway is getting a new plow and tractor.

Police Department received national recognition, Scam prevention at 3 Ponds, and parking at Farmer's Market went well.

Adult Softball – Mad Batters beat Sand Lot Chuggers 13-8.

Library Trustees meeting was held on September 1 at same time as Selectboard Meeting.

School Board Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Voting on Tuesday, September 8, Selectboard Meeting will be canceled, but Selectboard will sign payroll and accounts payable at the school.

Kennedy requested the ZBA Alternate Reagan Elliot be approved; Bedard made a motion to approve, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Michaud, Menter, Mantegari, Bedard, Kleinman.

8:25, Mantegari motioned to go into non-public session, Michaud seconded; roll call in favor: Menter, Michaud, Kleinman, Bedard, and Mantegari.

9:20 Mantegari motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michaud seconded the motion; roll call in favor: Menter, Michaud, Kleinman, Bedard, and Mantegari