

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2026

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

Following the review of payroll reading accounts payable, Linda Lambert read the treasurer's report.

Megan Lambert was sworn in as a Town of Brentwood Police Officer.

Mantegari made a motion for the public minutes, Menter seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Mantegari made a motion for the non-public meeting minutes, Michaud seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

2024 Audit: Mantegari motioned to approve the Draft Audit for 2024, Michaud seconded the motion. Bidard lead a discussion regarding the accuracy of the 2024 Audit. Kleinman spoke about the audit found mismanagement of the budget, the need for a finance staff person, and no findings of money missing. In favor of the motion: Michaud, Kleinman, Menter, Mantegari; not in favor of the motion: Bedard.

Finance Position: Michaud made a motion to hire a finance administrator. Ched Miller spoke in favor of hiring someone for a short-term position to fix the financial situation. Gabby spoke to the board to look at a review as a strategic plan. She wants to see current roles, where there are cost savings with penalties and fees etc. Do we need a bookkeeper, an accountant, a finance manager, or a finance administrator? Jim Hajjar spoke about position regarding processes and procedures. Linda Lambert offered to work more hours and hire a high-level accountant to accomplish the 2025 Audit. Michaud withdrew his original motion. Michaud motioned that Yerkes reach out to MRI to give us an assessment or review and help the Town to transition into the process; Mantegari seconded the motion; In favor of the motion: Menter, Mantegari, Michaud and Kleinman; not in favor: Bedard.

EMS Agreement: Ched Miller, Roy Olsen, and Jim Hajjar spoke regarding the contract with Fremont. Chief needs to come back next week with a contract for the Selectboard to review.

Michaud requested that Linda Lambert's hours be increased to allow more work to get done. Mantegari motioned to use lapsed salary to increase Lambert's hours to 25 per week, Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

HWY Department: There is no Wifi at the Highway Shed. Michaud motioned to get Block 5 out to the Highway Shed to do an assessment for internet and Wifi connection, Mantegari seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Payroll Tax Release: Mantegari motioned to approve, Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Website Administration Management Policies: Mantegari motioned to approve, Michaud seconded; all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Town Hall roof leak: Michaud researched to find the company that installed the roof, he reached out and they will come to Town Hall to inspect the leak.

Michaud researched the plow and heavy equipment for HWY department and found savings to purchase from: Chappell Tractor Sales. Michaud made a motion to purchase the equipment, Mantegari seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Mantegari motioned to suspend the purchasing policy for this purchase, Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Updates:

Mantegari: Budget Committee meetings have been set; Hazardous Waste is September 19th from 9am -12:00pm. Opening on the budget committee: it is posted on the website. Thanked Arena for Budget Committee service.

Michaud: expressed appreciation to Police and Fire for handling a difficult situation, and the HWY just bought a new plow, tractor and mower.

Menter: Conservation, tree clearing; who would help with this effort when the dam is removed. Ongoing issue: individual signs like yard sale signs.

Bedard: Schoolboard appointment: Chris Carmidy until March.

Jim Hajjar, Budget Committee Chair, thanked the selectboard.

Doug Marino, Planning Board Member, RPC Vice Chair, Legislature did override the Governor's veto of the 10-year Transportation Plan. Project Solicitation for the upcoming 10 Year Transportation Plan the 125/South Road intersection will be part of the plan.

Melissa Litchfield: thanked the board for all their hard work regarding the recent election.

Betsy Ibbitson – thanked Michaud for getting a better price for the heavy equipment and thanked the poll workers.

9:07 Mantegari motioned to go in to closed session for RSA 91-A:3, II (a), Michaud seconded the motion.

10:04 Mantegari motioned to adjourn the meeting; Michaud seconded the motion.