

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Present: Hannah Roberts, Jerry Waterman, Steve Barrup, Rick Gosselin, Audra Pitts, Steve Edgerly, Bob Best, Alan Ward, Ernest Choquette, Cody Duckless, Matt Wilson, Joe Wilson, Mike Baraw, Liam Baraw, Jean Wilson

Jerry Waterman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Rick Gosselin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4th, 2025 meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Joe Wilson asked if the town would remove a tree on his front lawn near the road. After some discussion, Mike Baraw said that he would assess the tree and consider removal if it posed a danger to the road.

The selectboard signed two cemetery deeds.

Hannah Roberts explained that the portion of Kittredge Road from the intersection of Kittredge Rd and Tetreault Rd extending out to Bonneau Rd needed to be designated and named as a private road according to Vermont E911 policy. The board considered name suggestions provided by landowners on that road. Steve Barrup made a motion to name the road Kittredge Extension. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The discussion around naming another such road extending off Vance Hill was deferred.

The board considered a request for tax abatement from Judith Aho regarding Parcel 00TH07016.005. Steve Barrup made a motion to abate 50% of the tax bill for 2025. After some discussion, the motion failed on a voice vote.

Alan Ward came before the board to discuss abatement of a late-filed homestead declaration penalty. Some discussion followed. No action was taken.

Jean Wilson from NEMRC introduced herself to the board and briefly discussed her work. The selectboard signed an Errors & Omissions Certificate regarding Sallie & Tobias Soltzfus' barn.

Personnel Policy discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

Road Commissioner's Report -- Mike Baraw reported that he has expended his chloride budget. The selectboard encouraged him to purchase more chloride as necessary. 12 culverts were replaced and the Searles Rd wingwall was repaired. Some more ditching may be done. They continue to haul sand. The logging project in the gravel pit went well. The logger overpaid the town due to an error by the log yard. The town will pay back the overpayment. One mile of road on the top of Vance Hill was paved.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – new water line under Sleeper Pond was connected. Mike is happy with the result. Mike and the selectboard discussed a new Water Planning Grant. Hannah and Mike will look into it. Water supply is holding well through the drought. Water meters for the new apartment buildings are on order. New sewer doors were installed. Solar panels are working well. New

NEKWMD executive director has been installed. NEKWMD budget proposal is lower than previous years. Styrofoam recycling machine is being fixed and should be back online within a week or two.

Rick Gosselin reviewed the sheriffs' report. Sheriff Jennifer Harlow plans to attend the next selectboard meeting.

After some discussion, Steve Barrup made a motion to approve warrants, bank statements, and journal entries. Motion passed on a voice vote.

At the request of the Planning Board, the selectboard directed the town clerk to coordinate a meeting with the Planning Board, Selectboard, and Zoning Board to discuss Act 181.

Vote to adjourn at 6:30 pm.