

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Rick Gosselin, Steve Barrup, Hannah Roberts, Mike Baraw, Karen Camber, Norman Patenaude, Bob Best, Steve Edgerley, Chris Donovan, Matt Wilson, Jay Knight, Brian Lamoureaux, Dan Gauvin

Steve Barrup called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Rick Gosselin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

Chris Donovan presented a request for the town to approve ATV use on certain town roads for the coming season. The list of approved roads was the same as last year. Steve made a motion to approve the VASA Landowner Permission Form. Motion passed on a voice vote. The selectboard signed the form.

Brian Lamoureaux introduced himself and explained his desire to be nominated for the Orleans County municipal seat on the Rural Community Transportation Board of Directors. He emphasized the need for a representative from Newport Town, a town which is not on a regularly scheduled RCT bus route. Rick made a motion to nominate Mr. Lamoureaux for the seat. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Rick made a motion to once again appoint Dave Ghelli and Wendy Matthews as the town's representatives to the NEKCV governing board. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The selectboard reviewed lawn care bids from Knight Property Maintenance and Triple M Lawncare. After reviewing the bids and some further discussion, Rick made a motion to award the contract to Knight's Property Maintenance. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mike reviewed bids for paving from Gray's Paving, AllState Construction, and Pike Industries. After discussing the bids and paving plans, Mike recommended that the board award the contract to Pike Industries. Rick made a motion to award the contract to Pike Industries. Motion passed on a voice vote. Steve made a motion to authorize Mike to sign the contract. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mike reviewed 7 different quotes to purchase a new 10-wheel plow and dump truck. After much discussion, Steve made a motion to request that Mike order a truck from ATG at a price not to exceed \$171,161.00. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Road Commissioners' Report – the roads are average for this season. The 2025 Freightliner will be going to Charlebois to have a suspension recall fixed.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Water system is working very well. Consumption has been reasonable and consistent. Two of the town's wells were tested for uranium due to some local private wells testing positive. Sewer system is working well. Annual inspection will occur on April 15th, as well as inspection of the Patenaude pump station. The new covers on the sewer tanks will be painted to prevent corrosion. AllEarth Renewables assessed the solar panels

that aren't tracking correctly and will provide quotes for the repairs. Mike will request that Jim Daigle inspect the garage door on the new recycling center to find out why it is not operating smoothly. Mike will seed down grass around the new recycling center.

Rick reviewed the Sheriffs' Report. He noted that traffic enforcement seems to be improving. Jay Knight noted the value of the Sherriff's presence in town.

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

The selectboard was informed that the town was once again awarded the Boat Greeter Grant, with a maximum award of \$20,213.00. Hannah will reach out last year's boat greeters to see who is interested in the job again.

Bob Best made a brief comment about the condition of Browns Hill Rd.

Steve made a motion that the selectboard find that premature general public knowledge regarding the town's pending litigation would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage, pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313(a)(1). Motion passed on a voice vote.

Steve made a motion that the selectboard enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation under the provisions of 1 V.S.A § 313(a)(1)(E), and that the selectboard invite the town's attorney Brian Monaghan, into the session. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The board entered executive session at 7:02pm.

The board left executive session at 7:32 pm. No action was taken at this time.

Vote to adjourn 7:33 pm.