

Minutes
Maidstone Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: In-Person at Town Hall - 508 VT Rte 102 and via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82523445058?pwd=RktkcUIKaWdmWnNrMTMyL2JNdUhnUT09>

Members Present at Town Hall (in person): Scott Lovell, Brad McVetty, Bruno McKenzie

Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Amy Pear, Bruce Barker, Laurie Snowman, Sandra Gray, Tammy Haas, Bob Champagne-Willis

Also Present via Zoom: Linwood Mixer, Mary von Alt, Sam and Carol Gorham, Burt Kline

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

APPROVE MINUTES:

- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2025, Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2025, Special Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2025, Special Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

SELECTBOARD:

- Town Plan – discuss and act upon. Brad made a motion to approve the proposed Town Plan for Public Hearing. Bruno seconded the motion. Brad and Bruno voted in favor, Scott opposed. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER: Plowing and sanding of the roads has been going well with one truck.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Update about activities of the Town Clerk's Office – We are preparing for Town Meeting and the Annual Report.
 - Justice of the Peace open position – Discuss. Brad made a motion to post the position. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
 - Binding of Annual Reports – Discuss. It was discussed that by statute the Town is required to bind annual reports. The Town has a book fund for this. Scott made a motion to use \$1,000 from the book fund to do the binding. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
 - Posting of Town Meeting warning – Informational. The first day we can post the Town Meeting warning will be January 22nd and the last day will be February 1st. That is the window that the warning will need to be put together and posted by. Amy asked if the Selectboard might consider changing the date of their March meeting as the Town Meeting is the following day. It was decided that the meeting would stay as is and the Selectboard would work around it.
- Consider adding subscription of Adobe - Discuss and act upon. It was discussed that several tasks in the Town Office now require using Adobe. Brad made a motion to purchase a subscription to Adobe. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER:

- Budget to Actual – The report was as of one week ago. We do have a few invoices that have come in since that will affect these numbers. Bob will close the books on Thursday.
- Selectboard Warrant – The warrant was from last week. A complete Selectboard Warrant will be on the signing desk. Bob will send an email when it is ready.
- ICS / Investment – The Passumpsic Bank has asked that we sign up for the ICS (Insured Cash Sweep). This is strictly insurance coverage. Scott made a motion to authorize the Treasure to enter into an ICS service with Passumpsic Bank. Brad seconded it. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Bob requested going outside Passumpsic Bank for investing. Multi Bank Securities offer short-term CD's. This type of investment would work well for the Town during certain windows of time. Scott made a motion to authorize Bob to utilize high interest-bearing investments for idle accounts up to \$250,000. Brad seconded the motion. All votes in favor. The motion carried.
- Budget Planning – Set date – It was discussed and the Meeting was set for January 19th at 6:00 PM
- COLA – Discussion – Cola was discussed. Scott made a motion that no COLA would be given this year. Bruno seconded the motion. Bruno and Scott voted in favor. Brad opposed. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Progress has been made, but it is slow progress.

REPORT FROM THE LISTERS:

- Scanner for the Listers – Discuss - The need for a scanner was discussed. Scott made a motion to spend up to \$250 from the equipment fund on a scanner. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- CLA/COD notification – Discuss – CLA dropped 20 points. This will affect school and county taxes. If there is an error the challenge has to be this month, but it doesn't look like there are any errors. The COL did rise. We are doing ok there.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Size of the Planning Commission – Discuss – This item will be moved to the Jan. 19th meeting.
- Paul Kamins resignation letter (Planning Commission) – Discuss and act upon – This item will be moved to the Jan. 19th meeting.
- Post Planning Commission vacancy – Discuss and act upon – This item will be moved to the Jan. 19th meeting.

ADJOURN: The business of the meeting concluded. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.