

Minutes
Maidstone Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 2, 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=RktkcUlKaWdmWnNrMTMyL2JNdUhnUT09>

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

Town Officials and Staff Present at Town Hall (in person): Tammy Haas

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

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2026, Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2026, Special Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 22, 2026, Special Selectboard Meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Review and approve the draft minutes from the Special Selectboard Meeting on January 29, 2026 – There was discussion about the minutes. Mary von Alt noted incorrect wording regarding proposed Article 8. Minutes state proclamation and it should be declaration. She also noted that there was a heated discussion that was not included in the minutes. Approval of the January 29th minutes was tabled. Tammy will revise the draft minutes for this meeting.
 - There was additional discussion about how minutes are taken. Some people would like to see more detail (including heated debates) in the minutes rather than just record keeping.
 - Burt Kline asked Scott to repeat what he said at the January 29th meeting as he was not in attendance. Scott refused to engage and suggested Burt watch the recording.

SELECTBOARD:

- Adopt the Town Plan – Brad made a motion to adopt the new Town Plan. Bruno seconded the motion. Scott opposed the motion. The motion carried.
- Approve and sign the milage certification – Brad reviewed the milage certification. Nothing has changed since last year. The Selectboard signed the milage certification.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER: The roads are in good condition. The cold weather has helped with condition of the road.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Update about activities of the Town Clerk's Office – The office is busy right now with getting ready for Town Meeting and preparing the Annual Report.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER:

- Selectboard Warrant - Bob provided the Selectboard with the Warrant.
- Update on Education Tax Rates for 2026 – Bob shared a presentation regarding the Education Tax Rate. The presentation will be posted on the website.

REPORT FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: There has been progress made on some of the older delinquent taxes.

REPORT FROM THE LISTERS: The listers will be closing the grand list, and it will be on the agenda for the March Selectboard meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bruno asked Amy the procedure for Absentee Ballots – Amy explained that completed ballots go into an interior (ballot) envelope. That envelope goes into an exterior envelope for mailing. When the ballot is received at the Town Office the exterior envelope is opened by the Town Clerk, and the ballot envelope is secured in a locked box in the locked vault. On the day of election, they get put into the ballot box to be opened that night.

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 7:48PM.