

Minutes
Maidstone Selectboard Meeting
Monday, March 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, Sam and Carol Gorham

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

- Brad made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 29, 2026, Special Selectboard Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2026, Selectboard Meeting with a typo correction, Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

SELECTBOARD:

- Posting of Town Roads – Brad has paperwork from the State that has to be used when the Town roads are posted. Brad made a motion that when we get ready to post the Town roads with weight limits, we will be able to do it. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Town Highway Annual Financial Plan – This item was tabled until next month as the paperwork needs to be filled out after the Town Meeting.
- Adoption of Town Road and Bridge Standards – Brad presented the paperwork and said that everything is in order. Brad made a motion to adopt the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Updated List of Town Officials for District 7 – Brad has the paperwork that needs to be filled out after Town Meeting. It will need to be filled out before his meeting with the State. The meeting date has not been set yet. It will be left on the signing desk for Amy to fill out with the Town Officials.
- Cost of Mattresses for Bulky Waste Day – Discuss how best to handle it – Brad received an email or letter about the fees (\$40 to \$45) for mattresses which have to be paid to the hauler. Brad said we generally get 15 (fifteen) to 20 (twenty) mattresses a year. Bob suggested that we have anyone bringing mattresses to bulky waste day prepay and bring a receipt at drop off. Prepaying could be done through the website. Another option is to not accept mattresses. It was decided to go with prepaying and have people show a receipt at bulky waste day. We need to get the actual cost and figure out how to notify everybody. This item was tabled until the April meeting for time to do some more research.

- Bid for Garbage/Recycle Vendor is up July 2026 – Discuss preparations – Brad stated in the past North East Kingdom Waste Management handled the contract. Bob will reach out and get the process started. It is anticipated that Hodgdon's will continue with garbage and recycling pick-up. If it does need to go out to bid, Monday pick-up will be necessary.
- Mowing of Town Office and Cemeteries – Brad stated that Jason is interested in mowing again this year. This item was tabled until April.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER: The roads are not too bad considering the warm weather. Brad has been trying to keep everything sanded ahead of time.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Update about activities of the Town Clerk's Office – We are ready for elections tomorrow, March 3rd. Bruno asked who counts the ballots. Amy explained the election workers count the ballots and she explained the ballot counting procedure.
- Appointment of Justice of the Peace – This is done through the State. Amy stated that she has an interested party for this position. She will have the interested party forward a letter of interest to the Governor's Office.
- Appointment of representative to the NEKCU – Amy stated that there is an interested party for this position and she will wait and bring this item back up at the organizational meeting.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER: There is a packet of stuff on the signing desk that needs to be signed off on.

Bob gave an update on the Education Tax presentation from last month. At this point the Governor's proposal is turning out to be the best proposal. We will know more after crossover. Bob reminded everyone that taxes will be due on April 15th. Bob explained the difference in the postmark this year. You need to take your mail to the window to be postmarked on that date.

- Selectboard Warrant - Bob provided the Selectboard with the Warrant.

REPORT FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: There has been significant progress made on the oldest taxes. The report is shrinking. As of April 15th, late 2025 taxes will be considered delinquent.

REPORT FROM THE LISTERS:

- Closing the Grand List – There are no outstanding issues. Scott made a motion to close the 2025 Grand List and sign the document. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob reported that there will be a forum at Town Hall on Wednesday March 4th from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. This will be the deputy of the department of education talking about school choice and the ramifications of Act 73.

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 7:53 PM.