

Minutes

Maidstone Special Selectboard Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026 @ 6:00 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 via Zoom: Amy Pear, Bruce Barker, Laurie Snowman, Sandra Gray,

Tammy Haas, Bob Champagne-Willis, Raymond Lovell

Also Present via Zoom: Linwood Mixer, Mary von Alt, Jan Barker, Brian Connary

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

SELECTBOARD:

- Size of the Planning Commission – Discuss – The size of the planning commission was discussed. Brad made a motion to set the planning commission to three members. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Paul Kamins resignation letter (Planning Commission) – Discuss and act upon – Scott made a motion to accept Paul Kamins resignation letter. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Post Planning Commission vacancy – Discuss and act upon – Scott made a motion to post the Planning Commission vacancy as an alternate. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Budget Work Session – Discuss and act upon - Selectboard wages will be set by the Auditors. All other line items were discussed and agreed upon except for Unemployment Taxes, Employment Taxes, and County Tax Assessment, where additional numbers are needed. Once all numbers are received, those items will be finalized. A \$1,000 Donation to Gilman Senior Center for Meals on Wheels was added to the budget. Riverside Rescue has sent a request for a Support Payment of \$1,000 for animals that may be surrendered to the rescue from Maidstone. The Selectboard will review the request and discuss it at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Laurie Snowman spoke out against the Selectboard's decision not to give a COLA to Town employees this year. Raymond Lovell asked why the Town donates to the Maidstone Lake Association. The Selectboard explained that the Town chooses to donate to help keep the lake clean and free of Milfoil. Mary von Alt explained that the Maidstone Lake Association is gradually building a fund to fight an invasive species infestation if one were to occur. Mary also supported Laurie Snowman's statement regarding the COLA. Amy Pear spoke about the language that was used when the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer wages were reworked years ago and that it was stated that a COLA would be considered annually.

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 7:21 PM.