

Minutes
Maidstone Special Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 5:45 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): Amy Pear, Laurie Snowman, Tammy Haas
Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Bob Champagne-Willis, Andy Champagne-Willis
Also Present via Zoom: Linwood Mixer

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM

SELECTBOARD:

- Consider and render a decision on the Riverside Rescue Support Request – Brad made a motion to give Riverside Rescue the support payment that they requested. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion carried.
- Finalize the 2026 Budget - The auditors decided that due to the wage freeze the Selectboard wages would remain at \$3,800. There were two corrections made to the budget since the last budget meeting. Employment and Unemployment tax numbers were added. The county tax assessment numbers are now available. The low is \$39,594.90 and the high is \$39,863.34. That budget line will be set at \$39,600. Total budget with appropriations will be \$325,657 and without appropriations will be \$295,657.
- Approve the 2026 Town Warning – The draft warning was reviewed and three articles which were added due to citizens petitions were determined to be non-binding.

Brad made a motion to recess the meeting until after the BCA Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting back to order.

The warning articles were voted on.

Article 1 – Scott made a motion to approve article one as amended (date correction). Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 2 – Scott made a motion to approve article two. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 3 – Scott made a motion to approve article three. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 4 – Brad made a motion to approve article four. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 5 – Scott made a motion to approve article five. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 6 – There was discussion about the dollar amount of interest to be used to offset the tax rate and the fact that it would be a different number each year. Scott made a motion to approve article six. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 7 – There was discussion about the COLA. Scott opposed adding article seven to the warning. Bruno also opposed adding article seven to the warning. Brad approved adding article seven to the warning. The article was voted against. Scott rescinded his motion to article seven. Brad seconded the motion. The motion carried. Brad made a motion to accept article seven as written. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 8 – There was discussion about the Proclamation of Inclusion. Scott opposed adding article eight. Bruno also opposed adding article eight. Brad approved adding article eight to the warning. The article was voted against.

Article 9 – There was discussion about amending the flag display policy to add the Silver Star Flag. It was decided that another flag might be more appropriate. Scott opposed article 9. Brad seconded the opposition. All voted to oppose article 9.

Scott made a motion to add a new article to amend the flag display policy to include flags honoring veteran's service. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 10 – Scott made a motion to accept article 10. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Article 11 - Scott made a motion to accept article 11. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business to discuss.

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 7:45 PM.