

Minutes

Maidstone Special Selectboard Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025 @ 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 at Town Hall (in person): Amy Pear, Bruce Barker, Paul Kamins, Tammy Haas, Bob Champagne-Willis

Also Present at Town Hall (in person): Mary von Alt

Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Laurie Snowman

Also Present via Zoom: Kyle Dwyer

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

SELECTBOARD: Town Plan Discussion:

- Review and discuss Town Plan

o Discuss the EEP – Bruno started the discussion by addressing his concerns for accepting the Enhanced Energy Plan.

- One of his concerns is the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP). This will create more work for town officials. Following the CEP may cause changes in the bylaws that involve adding additional positions to town government, such as building inspectors.
- Scott discussed his concerns about incentives for switching to electric vehicles that will be taxpayer funded. Another concern is the objective of moving from fossil fuel to electric heating. Not everyone can afford to do that. Taxes continue to rise in Maidstone, and we need to do what we can to keep them lower. Accepting the EEP will lead the State government to believe that this is what the people want because we agreed to this plan so they will make laws that relate to the plan.
- Bruno asked the board to look at a basic Energy Plan that was written for the Town of Maidstone that does not seek Act 174 “substantial deference”.

- Kyle from NVDA stated that the action items in the CEP were NVDA's action items and not the towns. NVDA would offer the town protection from wind and solar industrial development.
- Brad discussed his concern that the Town's objectives and policies could be overturned if it is deemed that the project is good for the State.
- Bruno asked what the planning board is going to do regarding the bylaws. Bob stated that there is no plan to change anything in the bylaws that relate to the energy plan.
- Kyle stated that there needs to be an alignment with NVDA's Regional Energy plan and the CEP plan. He believes Maidstone can remove the word support.
- Paul gave a brief history of Act 174. He is concerned that if the Town of Maidstone says it is aspirational today, but the State falls behind in meeting its energy goals, and we have stated that we support and align with those goals what mandates are we then agreeing to?
- Brad agreed to adopt the Enhanced Energy Plan, Scott is against the plan. Bruno decided to adopt the plan.
- The resolution can be adopted at the next Selectboard Meeting that will be held on January 5th at 7:00 PM
- Brad made a motion to have the public hearing on January 22nd at 6:00 PM. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- The public hearing will be published in the paper as soon as possible. It is ok to publish the warning early. There is a 15-day minimum.

- o Discuss any other concerns – All changes even grammatical need to be made fifteen (15) days before the hearing.
- Other discussion - There were no other concerns.

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 7:20 PM.