

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 20, 2026

- I. OPEN MEETING—Chairman Begin called the August 31, 2026, meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present included Dillon Begin, Alfred Buckley, Alan Leigh, April Busfield, and Jason Busfield. Mike Miller joined via Zoom but did not participate in the meeting. No other members of the public joined via Zoom or in person.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes – The August 20 2026, meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed by board members before and at the meeting. Al made a motion to approve the August 20, 2026 and Alan seconded. Chairman Begin asked if there was further discussion; seeing none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA— The historical society submitted a use of facility application and it will be discussed under new business
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – No public participated in the meeting.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 - a. Grant Updates – Jason reported that the two Grant in Aid Projects for Judd Road were completed. Jason told the board that the Fund Road Better Roads grant nearly complete and would be hydroseeding soon.
 - b. Part-Time Highway Assistant – A lengthy discussion was held on the part-time highway assistant, or lack thereof.
 - c. Equipment Repairs and Updates – Milton Cat came and inspected the grader, it has a faulty solenoid (parts ordered) and worn-out shims on the moldboard, center circle and side shift. It is currently usable for light work only. Milton Cat suggests that it get brought to their facility early winter for the major repairs. Jason is working on obtaining a quote for a complete overhaul
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – None
- VII. SOLID WASTE –
 - a. Commercial Curb Side Trash Pick Up – Dillon talked to the state and it is doable for towns people to hire somebody potentially with a pickup to provide this service. They will have to fill out the appropriate paperwork. This will no way be through the town and all cost will be on the resident
 - b. Improvements to the transfer station- Dennis Wright made a ramp to help people get into the cardboard container. It was also mentioned that the compactor ram is sticking and it had to be greased more often. It was mentioned that there is such a thing as too much grease. April is going to look into it and see what was done in the past
 - c. HHW Events: September 11 and 12 April will be running
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS –
 - a. Use of Facility Request- Al made a motion to approve Canaan Historical Society to sell bulbs for a fundraiser on Saturdays (Sept 5, 12, 19, 26) from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Fletcher Park. All were in favor
 - b. 2026 Appointments – No new appointments were made.
 - c. Municipal Ethics Complaints – Five Pending – Zach noted that there are still five pending. No further discussion.
 - d. Alice Ward Library Carriage House Renovations + Short Term Financing – Construction is underway the selectmen may stop in for a tour

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- e. MERP Grant Bids and Updates – A lengthy discussion ensued on this topic. It was discussed that at least 3 heat pumps are needed and the only quote that included that was Ruggles. Al made a motion to add the heat pumps to Ruggles prior approval to include the whole project with all in favor. It was discussed that in the future bids should go out with set parameters so everyone is bidding on the same thing
- f. Economic Committee Recommendations for a Brownfield Study – the Brownfield study application has been submitted and the economic development committee is working on various ideas
- g. Cunningham Full-Service Station Revolving Loan Documents- Alan made a motion to approve the length of payment extension with the same monthly payment Al seconded with all in favor

IX. OLD BUSINESS- Dillon asked if Rodney accepted the position and April Confirmed he is starting the 8th.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT—The board signed and executed Warrant 18-26 for \$100,296.23.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING—Alan motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, and Al seconded. Chairman Begin asked if there was further discussion; seeing none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Begin adjourned the August 31 2026 meeting at 6:21 P.M.