

Select Board Meeting Notes

Monday, May 4, 2026

Board Members in Attendance: Harry, Nancy, Nate

Attendees: 7

Via Zoom:

Polar Bears Mike asked to add an item to the agenda related to the new snowmobile and ATV ordinance.

Board Member Nate motioned to approve the April Board minutes as written. Board Member Nancy seconded, and the motion and it passed unanimously.

Better Connections Grant Update: Clerk Gary reported that the walk-through with the consultant firm hired to do the Better Connections work occurred two weeks ago so they could get familiar with Gilman and work will start soon.

Summer Clean-Up/Moving Bid Selection: The Board opened the sealed bids for the mowing and spring clean-up of town-owned properties as advertised in the RFP. These are all one-year bids. The Grounds Guy: \$17,420; R&S Tree & Landscaping: \$7,950; 603 Lawn Care: \$6,250; DJB Landscaping \$6500; Four Seasons Landscaping: \$8,575; Morse & Sons: \$6,800. Nate motioned to accept the Morse & Sons bid at \$6,800/year for 2 years. Nancy seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Morse & Sons was hired.

NVDA Updates: NVDA Board Representative Kate shared that NVDA is working on their updated Regional Plan to be sent to the Land Use Review Board (LURB) for approval. There has been a lot of discussion around Act 181 and the fact that Tier 3 and the Road Rule being scrapped. To review the draft plan, visit www.nvda.net and click on "NVDA 2026 Regional Draft Plan". Lunenburg received a large, revised land use map for review. NVDA will host a vote on May 21st at 5pm to send the Regional Plan to the LURB. On Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm there will be an Act 181 Zoom meeting hosted by a member of the Land Use Review Board. Residents are asked to submit questions ahead of time, but there should also be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. To register for the webinar and to submit questions, please visit the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/b7K-9xFtSyaW0o_5wY4_EA#/registration

RTT Updates: RTT Kate noted that the RFP for Fox Field & Forest upgrades funded by the Tillotson Grant was issued. 3 contractors came to the required pre-bid meeting on April 27th. Deadline for bid submissions is May 11th. Kate will bring bids to the Board for final approval. The gravel pad piece of the RFP has been removed and the CESER Task Force will manage the spending of the \$1,500 of grant money set aside for this part of the project.

Town Road and Bridge Standards Adoption: AOT District 7 Logan Perron provided the updated 2026 version of the Road and Bridge Standards for the Board to adopt. Road Guy Gregg reported that we're in good standard with AOT and we follow these guidelines. Board Member Harry made a motion to adopt the new 2026 version. Board Member Nate seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Delinquent Property Tax Sale: This item mistakenly remained on the agenda from the April meeting. There was no discussion.

KESD Budget Revote: Clerk Gary noted that the KESD budget revote has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at the Lunenburg Elementary School, 9am – 7pm. 123 voters in Lunenburg cast votes at the April revote. Board Chair Harry noted that voting dropped in total throughout the District and the margin of no to yes votes increased. There was discussion about what happens if the next vote fails. Clerk Gary noted he had been told that if the budget doesn't pass the next time around, KESD would be forced to operate under 80% of the 2025 budget. The Board agreed to invite Desmond to the June Select Board meeting to provide an informational update.

ATV Ordinance: Polar Bears Mike announced that they had purchased a new trail side-by-side for grooming. Mike asked for an exemption under Section 4 to the ATV/Snowmobile ordinance to use this machine without a VASA TAD sticker. Board Member Nate made a motion to approve the exemption. Board Member Nancy seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Highway: Road Guy Gregg reported our new truck is being built and should be here in November. Gregg reported that there were some issues with the new culvert that Austin installed on Baptist Hill and he will speak with them. He also noted that he planned to ask to be compensated for the additional expense incurred during Baptist Hill closure. All FEMA grant work and funding paperwork has been completed and we expect to receive another \$31,000 from Maillet Road culvert project and \$21,000 from River Road project.

Gregg is going to ask Beattie to crush the material that's currently in the Fox Field & Forest parking lot and then haul it away.

Gregg announced that he is going to use Sta-Mat (crushed up stone) on Pond Hill to cover existing surface. We will rent a roller to really pack the Sta-Mat into the roadbed.

We're awaiting bids from Weaver Construction and Beattie for the steel culvert replacement work on Cole Hill. The plan is to stone line each side of the culvert to help with potential flooding.

Gregg spoke about a culvert on Perry Road that had been maintained by the Polar Bears and Gregg asked approval to have responsibility for repairing this culvert. Kate reported there are ON-X grants available (up to \$20k) designated for back country projects like this.

Upcoming events: Touch a Truck is Friday, May 8th at Head Start in Gilman. Kate announced that Head Start raffle tickets are available for \$15 each. ToTC's first Open Mic is this Saturday, May 9th. It was reported that Lunenburg Station, the new variety store, is officially opening on May 15th at 5am.

Gregg suggested that the Town purchase larger ATV signs that would go on the bottom of existing speed limit signs as he felt the newly installed signs were too small. Board Chair Harry noted the need to speak with the President of the ATV Club because he thinks they had to pay for the signs that were recently installed. Harry will bring up this issue at the next ATV club meeting. Clerk Gary noted that there is now a listing for the ATV club on the website that links to their website.

There were no additional community concerns.

Board member Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board member Nancy seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm