

Select Board Meeting Notes

Monday, September 14, 2026

Select Board Attendees: Harry, Nate

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Via Zoom: 1

There were no items added to the agenda

Nate made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting. Harry seconded and the notes were accepted as presented.

Better Connections: Clerk Gary reported that the next community engagement meeting will be held at the Gilman Senior Center on Tuesday, October 27th, 6pm. All are invited.

MERP Project Update: Clerk Gary provided an update of the various MERP projects occurring in 5 town-owned buildings. Projects are in full swing and we will exhaust all MERP funding by the end of 2026.

Town Office ADA Project Update: Clerk Gary reported that the grant application process has begun to secure the funds needed to complete the ADA renovations to the Town Office Building. Gary noted that part of the application process includes an environmental review. The Town has hired Stone Environmental (paid for by MERP funding) to conduct the environmental review. The hope is that construction will begin in Spring 2027.

Riverside Rescue: Sharon Eaton was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was tabled.

RTT: RTT Task Force Chair Kate Baxter was unable to attend the meeting, but she provided a write up of recent developments to the Select Board.

NVDA: NVDA Representative Kate Baxter was unable to attend the meeting.

Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Sean reported on 2 nuisance dog situations. The family is located on Dance Hall Road. They own a pitbull that has become a nuisance. Riverside Rescue is hesitant to get involved because they've been threatened with action if they interfere. Board chair Harry noted that he would follow up with Trevor

On September 8th, a gentleman called Sean about an attack on his Bernese Mountain Dog on Bobbin Mill Road. A pitbull mix dog was inside the house on Bobbin Mill but broke through a screen window and attacked the dog. Sean suggested to the owner that he walk the dog on an alternate route. The owner of the dog was at the meeting as well. He explained that he walks his dog daily on Bobbin Mill Road. He explained his dog wears a harness and has a retractable leash. They had experienced the dog inside the house barking on a regular basis but weren't concerned. On the 8th, the owner noted that as they approached the house, they heard a noise and then saw the pitbull mix dog running towards his dog. The pitbull latched onto the dog's neck and wouldn't let go and the attack continued for 5+ minutes. The owner of the dog on that was attacked was yelling for help. 2 people who were driving by stopped and helped pull the dogs apart. The owner was able to get his dog into the van of one of the people who stopped. The pitbull mix continued to circle the car until they drove away. There was a previous incident with the same two dogs a couple weeks before. Upon walking by, the walker noted the pitbull mix outside and it broke away from the owner and it ran up the road and bit the Bernese on the neck. The owner was present and she was able to get the dog away during this incident. The owner of the attacked dog feels the dog presents a very dangerous hazard to the community. Board Chair Harry noted that he would follow up with Sheriff Trevor. Clerk Gary noted that Trevor was called the day of the incident. The owner of the attacked dog also spoke with Trevor the day following the event.

Justice of the Peace: Clerk Gary noted that our current JP have decided not to run for reelection. Lunenburg can have up to 5 JP's. Anyone wishing to run can still do so as a write-in candidate. A JP ballot will be available at the November 3rd general election. Write-in candidates need to receive 5% of total registered voters to win.

Highway: Gregg reported that MERP projects are progressing very well. We need to replace the salt shed that was damaged last winter. We received the new F600 and purchased an excavator and trailer. Gregg noted that it's time for the Road Crew to spend some time on Class 4 roads to assure they're passable in times of emergency. Gregg reported the ATV poker run was great and the riders were very respectful of the roads. He also noted that there was damage to Baptist Hill due to disrespectful ATV users. The Road Crew is working on buttoning up all the roads for the Winter season. Gregg reported that the first annual knotweed treatment has been completed. It was a 2-day process. Treatment will have to happen for at least the next 3 years to fully eradicate the knotweed. Gregg also noted we're in very good shape

Town Clerk: Clerk Gary reminded people that property taxes due October 9, 2026, at 9pm. The Clerk's office will be open extended hours the week of October 6th. Gary reported that we've collected approximately \$100k to date. He also noted that the lion share of property tax payments will come in the week of October 6th.

Community Concerns: A property owner who's lived in Lunenburg for a number of years reported that he had 4 tires punctured on Pond Hill Road this year. He's concerned that the size of the gravel being used on the roads is too large.

Democratic Town Committee: Resident Casey Jennings reported that a Democratic Town Committee was forming. Reach out to Casey for more information.

Board member Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Chair Harry seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.