

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 4:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Justin Campbell, Richard Baker, and Christopher Whalen; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Assistant Town Clerk Brittany Chouinard; Visitor Michelle McCormick

At 4:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Justin Campbell.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** November and December meeting dates

**Minutes:** Approved the minutes of September 17, 2025

**Public Comment:**

**Marshfield Resilience Hub:** Michelle explained that they have received a solar refrigerator, and they have submitted a request to put a small shed near the tool lending library, to allow food to be available to people in need when the food shelf is not open. No electricity would be required from the town. The shed would be located to avoid being in the way for snow removal. Rich asked who would own the structures and how the insurance would work. Michelle explained that the Resilience Hub is just a gathering of like-minded individuals. Cooperation Vermont is buying the sheds. Justin feels that we would need to formalize an agreement so that the insurance could be worked out. He stated that we need to consider long-term maintenance concerns. Bobbi suggested that there is also liability involved with food. She will check with VLCT for their feedback. Rich suggested doing a lease to Cooperation Vermont. He suggested that we may also need a permit because this is a public building. Michelle will check with the Fire Marshall about that.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** The Board discussed the kitchen and what would be needed to bring it up to code. The Board is concerned about the stove, and we have been told that the stove cannot be replaced without bringing the fume hood up to code. Michelle feels that people would be upset if the kitchen was shut down. Chris suggested that volunteer groups should get together to come up with a plan for the kitchen. Michelle will ask the Fire Marshall what we would need to do to be able to change the stove.

Twinfield has a renaissance student that uses the kitchen to prepare meals for the food shelf. Bobbi will communicate with the Renaissance director about the limitations of the kitchen and to confirm that the school insurance covers the activity.

The Board received an offer from a volunteer to fix a leaking faucet. The Board agreed.

The Board approved a quote from Maine Energy Systems and will have Austin Mills install it.

The Board will hold a special meeting on October 28 to prioritize building maintenance and repairs.

The Board will move their regularly scheduled meeting from November 4<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board will review drafts of department budgets at that meeting.

**Plainfield proposal for new roads:** Justin received an inquiry from a member of the Plainfield Selectboard regarding the possibility of creating emergency roads, one to connect to the old Bean Rd in Plainfield, and one from the Plainfield Park & Ride, across land owned by the Town of Plainfield and then across property owned by the Town of Marshfield. The legal trail that connects to the old Bean Rd has been discontinued, so they would have to approach the landowners for a right-of-way. The other route would involve building a bridge and building an access on a buyout property. This would be an emergency route only. The Board has no objection but also no interest. Justin will let them know that if they want to pursue this, they need to do the legwork to find out whether the buyout property could be used in this manner.

**Water Source:** Chris has arranged with the library to allow people to come to get up to 20 gallons of fresh water from an outside spigot at the Old Schoolhouse Common, during hours that the library is open. He cleared this with the Village of Marshfield. Justin gave thanks for Arthur Gilman leading the project to develop the current Village water system.

**Rich Phillips:** The Board discussed the many contributions that Rich made to the Town. He was involved in the renovation of the Old Schoolhouse Common, the bandstand, the covered bridge, and the ball field. He served on the Selectboard during the 1984 flood.

**Bridges:** Bobbi reported that the temporary construction easements have all been mailed and some have already been signed and returned.

**LEMP training:** Chris gave a recap of the training. One of the discussions was about the Fire Department's need for new radios.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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