

Present: Chairman Dan Haskins, Selectman Colton Andrews Selectman Seth Alexander, and Town Administrator Ronald Boucher.

I. Call to Order.

Chairman Dan Haskins called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and noted that the meeting was being recorded using artificial intelligence for note-taking purposes.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approve meeting minutes from August 17th.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from August 17, 2026. No questions or concerns were raised regarding the minutes.

MOTION: Selectman Alexander motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 17th.

SECOND: Chairman Haskins seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

IV. Award North Eagle sewer project bid to Vanzandt.

The Board discussed the award of the North Eagle Sewer Project bid to Vanzandt. Town Administrator Ronald Boucher informed the Board that the due diligence process had been completed and that the results were satisfactory. The Board proceeded with the award of the project bid to Vanzandt

V. Discuss “No Solicitation” policy for the Town of Clarksburg.

The Select Board discussed the possibility of establishing a “No Solicitation” policy for the Town of Clarksburg. The matter was brought forward by a resident following several complaints from residents regarding solicitors being overly persistent, including reports of solicitors being pushy or rude and, in some instances, continuing to engage residents while they were attempting to close their doors. A solar company was referenced as an example of the type of solicitation that had generated complaints.

The proposed policy would establish a process requiring solicitors to register with the Town and provide identification. The discussion also included the possibility of establishing a no-solicitation list for residents who do not wish to receive solicitations. The Board noted that the Town does not currently have a bylaw addressing solicitation and that formal adoption of a policy would need to proceed through Town Meeting.

The Board discussed obtaining examples of similar policies from municipalities of comparable size. It was suggested that KP Law could review policies from other communities and assist in preparing language for Clarksburg. Board members expressed support for moving forward with the development of a no-solicitation policy and agreed that having a framework requiring solicitors to register would be beneficial. The Town Administrator will contact KP Law to obtain examples and potential language for the Board to review. The Board plans to bring the matter forward as an article for consideration at a future Town Meeting.

VI. Town Administrator updates.

The Town Administrator provided an update on the bridge project and reported that construction was progressing quickly. A concern was raised regarding the anticipated ramp work extending toward Red Mills and the potential effect on East Road. The Board discussed the anticipated project schedule and whether the project remains on track for completion around Columbus Day, October 12th. It was suggested that an updated status from the project superintendent or the Massachusetts Department of Transportation would be helpful. The Board agreed that a bridge project update should be included on a future Selectboard agenda to keep residents informed.

The Town Administrator provided an update regarding the West Road Culvert project. The bid opening is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026, and site visits are scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board also discussed the condition of Carson Avenue. The road was reported to have significant potholes, and DPW Foreman Kyle Hurlbut will be filling the holes over the next couple of weeks. Residents who had raised concerns about the condition of the road were informed that the work would be completed.

The Town Administrator then addressed an iBerkshires article regarding Tanner's Farm and the statement that the Town had failed the farm in connection with the Route 8 bridge project. The Town Administrator stated that he took exception to that characterization and believed that the Selectboard and Town had made every effort possible to assist the affected residents and make the transition as easy as possible. The Board discussed that the bridge project is a state project and that the Town does not control the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's construction schedule.

Board members expressed agreement that the Town had worked to communicate information to residents as it became available and had attempted to assist Tanner's Farm and other affected residents within the Town's authority. The Board noted that the project was an emergency situation and that the Town was not responsible for the state's construction schedule. The Board also discussed the importance of completing the necessary bridge work rather than delaying the project into the winter, when construction would be more difficult.

The Board further recognized the work of DPW Foreman Kyle Hurlbut in helping ensure that East Road would remain accessible and that arrangements were made to address the needs of emergency services. The Board members agreed that the Town had made reasonable efforts to assist residents and maintain transparency throughout the project. The Town Administrator stated that this was the extent of his report.

VII. Public Comment.

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to public comment. No public comments were offered.

VIII. Adjourn.

MOTION: Chairman Haskins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

SECOND: Selectman Andrews seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Markell Shea, *Town Executive Assistant*

Selectboard,

Dan Haskins, *Chair*

Colton Andrews, *First Vice Chair*

Seth Alexander, *Second Vice Chair*