

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 10th, 2026

Present: Eli Gabuzda, Heather Moore, Leonard Charron, Jason Longway, David Gervais
Staff – John Dasaro, Brian Ovitt, David Peloubet
Guest – Ruby Bratcher/Missisquoi River Basin Association, Northwest Access TV

The meeting was called to order by Eli Gabuzda at 6:34 PM

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

John Dasaro, Village Manger made request to add a request to reduce wastewater/water allocations for Richard & Elizabeth Green.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

3. To approve the minutes from the January 13th^t 2026 trustees meeting, as well as the January 28th, 2026, special budget meeting and the February 3rd, 2026, special budget meeting.

January 13, 2026 – A motion was made by Jason Longway to approve the Trustee’s minutes with the corrected spelling of Gervais in Item 3. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous

January 28, 2026, Budget Meeting – A motion was made by Heather Moore to approve the minutes. Seconded by David Gervais. Unanimous

February 3, 2026, Budget Meeting – A motion was made by David Gervais to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jason Longway. Unanimous

4. MRBA to discuss town focused training about the Missisquoi River.

Ruby Bratcher with the Missisquoi River Basin Association. They have grant funds that need to be used by the end of 2026. These funds will be used to host training for municipalities in the water shed area. They have chosen Enosburg Falls as one of the municipalities to host one of these trainings. Discussed potential audience and the topics. Looking for ideas from the board of trustees on what would best benefit the community. The board asked Ruby to send the board ideas on potential training and John will think about potential ideas as well.

5. 594 W. Enosburg Rd additional water allocation request for ADU

A motion was made by David Gervais to approve the water allocation request. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous

5.5 Request from Richard & Elizabeth to reduce allocations at 79 Gibson Drive, Enosburg Falls VT.

Letter was received by Greens on February 10, 2026, requesting the release of ten (10) wastewater/water allocations for their property at 79 Gibson Drive. John Dasro explained a letter that was sent to Green’s on May 21, 2025 regarding the release of allocations. The letter clearly stated that in the future if there was a change of use for the building and they needed the released allocations back, they’d need to apply for them, and if awarded, they’d be required to pay the allocation fees. Motion made by Heather Moore to allow the release of allocations. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimous.

6. Opioid Settlement funds, estimated \$1288, thoughts on what to do with the funds

These funds will be paid by various pharmaceutical companies, monthly, yearly. Heather Moore said other communities with small amounts of funds being received have been making donations to subsistence organizations or subsistence abuse organizations. Local drug awareness in schools or Turning Point. The Board will select an organization once the first payment has been received.

7. Verify ATV maps

Discussion of the ATV Map. Residences accessing the protentional proposed route via any streets with in the village; would that be for residences only to use all roads in the village. Discussed format for Thursdays' informational meeting regarding ATVs in the village.

8. Review request for a curb cut for 19 Elm St, curb cut to be on the W. Berkshire Rd.

Motion made by David Gervais to approve the curb cut making applicants aware of storm water drain/infrastructure. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous.

9. Letter of support for a grant to replace the culvert at the well's driveway

The Board agrees to authorize Eli to sign a letter of support for the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District's grant application to replace the culverts at the Village wells on Reservoir Road.

10. Waste Water Budget discussion

David Gervais recommended revising the presentation of depreciation adjustments in the wastewater budgets. Abbey noted that the budgets have historically been presented this way by previous finance directors.

There was also discussion regarding whether Village staff should manage sludge operations in-house or continue utilizing a third-party provider. The budget reflects an increase in fuel costs, offset by a reduction in sludge management expenses. This would require upgrading the Village's vacuum truck. This truck would also allow us to clean our own storm drains.

Discussion of potential rate increase to off set lost revenue during 2026.

Further discussion is needed before the board can approve the budget.

11. Electric department budget discussion

John discussed the substation regulators, including their condition, potential replacement, and associated costs. He also reviewed the recent increase in NISC software expenses.

There was further discussion regarding the Village's vehicles, including their current use, availability, and potential replacement needs. The possibility of utilizing grant funding to help offset the cost of vehicle replacements was also considered.

Discussion of T&D (transmission and distribution) study -short term and long-term cost.

Training and Education – we've seen an increase in cost for safety training by New England Public Power Authority (NEPPA).

Purchase power for next couple of months will be higher; VPPSA may need to adjust village's purchase power budget.

David Gervais said the depreciation in this budget will need to be discussed. Questioned why there aren't any principal payments for 2024 and 2025. These items will be brought back to Abbey for review.

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12. Other Business

Discussion of Village's annual meeting preparation and monitor.

13. Adjourn

David Gervais made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Heather Moore. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on March 31, 2026.