

# FINAL MINUTES: MAY 11, 2026



Village of Bellport

Work Session Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00PM  
This meeting will be held in Village Hall  
**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## A G E N D A

This meeting is open to the public in Village Hall, located at 29 Bellport Lane. It is an in-person meeting and will be streamed on Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Mayor Maureen Veitch, Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier, Trustee Michael Young, Trustee Dan Polner and Attorney Larry Davis. Absent – Trustee Lorraine Kuehn

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier, seconded by Trustee Michael Young and unanimously carried the Board opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Opening remarks by Mayor Maureen Veitch

Mayor Veitch opened the meeting by announcing to the public that an email was circulated by a resident saying that the Board was going to be discussing the ferry ridership tonight. While we have discussed ridership, it is not on our agenda tonight. The format of the Work Sessions are an opportunity for the Board to sit together and speak in a more informal way about what's on the agenda, what we are planning, and what we're doing. Public comments are not part of the program, but we would love to hear from the public.

The public has an opportunity to speak at any of our General Board meetings, which is the fourth Monday of every month.

Mayor Updates Capital Projects, Grants & Other

- a. General Election – June 16, 2026 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Center  
There is a General Election coming up for two trustee seats on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center. These are 4-year terms.

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On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> the Village will hold voter registration from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall. You can register to vote and do your absentee ballot on that day. If you are not going to be in the Village for the June 16<sup>th</sup> vote you can also request an absentee ballot application at Village Hall and vote the same day or an absentee ballot will be sent to you.

b. Negotiations of Local 342 Contract

Five years ago, the Board negotiated a contract with DPW, Local 342 and that contract expires at the end of May. We're in the process of having discussions with the union representative and two of the employees who are representing the employees. We are meeting with them and having productive conversations.

c. General Code

I want to remind everybody that we have a 51-year-old code book. If you look up or search the Village website, you find that the codes are outdated. We are going through this chapter by chapter, rewriting them to current standards. The Board is open to any comments residents may have regarding codes to be updated.

d. Rental Registry Forms

The Rental Registry was put in place five months ago. There was a lot of anxiety about this but as of today we have 21 people who have sent in applications, and 11 of those have received the license. It has gone smoothly to date. Most people have elected to use the Village inspector with their application.

e. REMINDER – Trash Collection Rules

There is a flyer that goes out to everybody with their tax bill, and it is about trash collection. You cannot put your trash out sooner than the night before your trash is collected. It makes it very unpleasant for everybody who lives in the village and our DPW employees to clean up trash all over the street. We have new code officers, and they will start to issue tickets to people who do not abide by the law.

f. Home Improvement Contractors – Discussion & Rules

Our code states that home improvement professionals doing work in the village must register with the village. Historically, the village has reached out to landscapers only and had them register. The way the code reads in Suffolk County is to have all people, companies or corporations requiring a home improvement license, or engaged in any home improvement business, to obtain and maintain a registration certificate when conducting or engaging in home improvement work.

Attorney Larry Davis stated the section of code was 10-13 in the Village and under that section A and B it shall be unlawful to conduct or engage in home improvement work in the Village of Bellport except on the days Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. that is B.

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Lastly, section C it shall be unlawful to conduct or engage in home improvement work in the Village of Bellport on all federally recognized holidays.

Mayor Veitch stated that one of the reasons that we want to have people register with us is that we want to inform them of what the Village Code is. We have only done this with landscapers, so this is an enforcement issue.

Attorney Larry Davis noted that the County of Suffolk Section 563-16 defines what a home improvement contractor is and lists and enumerates who they are. It excludes work in the electrical and plumbing fields as defined by Section 563-126 of the chapter. He read the licensed contractors: any repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, home elevating services, improvement or additional to residential property, and includes, but is not limited to, painting of residential structures, carpentry, fencing, driveway, exterminating, flooring, ductwork for heating, ventilations, and air conditioning systems, masonry, roofing, siding, the construction, installation, and or servicing of swimming pools and portable and permanent spas. He continued waterproofing, as well as other improvement to structures or upon land, which are part of residential property, including landscaping and arboriculture, which, shall mean tree sprayers, tree pruners, tree stump removers, and all other tree services. Trustee Michael Young brought up a good idea of having signage on the truck. Mayor Veitch talked with several contractors, and they did not want to have a sign on the truck because they use the parkways and commercial vehicles can't use the parkways. We will enforce the code and reach out to all contractors that we know of and give them a placard on their dashboard. We would provide as many signs as needed for sub-contractors. So, I think this should be a good solution. Trustee Dan Polner questioned why the homeowners are excluded from all of this? Why should the fine go directly to the contractor and the homeowner is completely taken out of this entire loop? If a contractor starts before 8:00 a.m. the owner is as responsible as the contractor. Mayor Veitch stated that the homeowner should be responsible for knowing the rules as a good neighbor and informing their own contractor. We have hired new code officers that are training to know the code and enforce it. The new Code Enforcement Officers will get out of their cars, walk around and interact with people besides riding around in the village to enforce codes. Trustee Michael Young would like to have a survey sent out to ask residents what their view is as far as contractors start time in the village. He wants to have people weigh in on it and maybe it's the way we can resolve this issue and get a sense of their point of view.

g. Grant – Road

I am pleased to announce Congressman Andrew Garbarino has secured \$500,000 for roads improvements through a grant written by Carlos Vargas and staff in Village Hall. This is for fiscal year 2026.

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When I first came to office, I asked Jason Crane to give me a map of all roads, and I wanted four color codes for good, medium, poor, and very poor condition. He color coded all the roads and that is how we make decisions. DPW employees look at how many potholes, how many puddles are still there 3 days after rainfall, and examine the drains.

Trustee Young stated that over the last two weeks, he has walked the length of Bieselin because that's always described as a candidate for improvement, and it could use improvement. The one about which people were most vociferous over the last two weeks is Bellport Lane. Trustee Young noted that he lives on the lane. Nonetheless, it's probably the most visible and used road in the village and it's in deplorable shape.

### h. Parks and Recreation Hours – Public Hearing May 26, 2026

The public hearing is around the language of when our parks open and close. It's a cleanup of the code book and will discuss opening at sunrise to sunset.

### i. Deer Fences – Discussion Public Hearing Set May 26, 2026

A public hearing is scheduled for May 26, 2026, and Mayor Veitch wants to get this over the finish line. Mayor Veitch wishes that each trustee would give their feedback to Larry who will draft something.

Trustee Young felt that the deer fence proposal was good placement in the code. It captures the core concept, which is we don't want it to be seen from the street. It uses a lot more words than my two sentences forwarded to the Board. When drafting a law, you want to be as concise, efficient, and parsimonious with language as you possibly can.

As Trustee Young gave an example questioning the difference between the traveled portion of a street and the untraveled portion of the street. Which part of the street is untraveled? A fair interpretation would be the areas where cars are parked. The village has decided to divide the street into two subsections; one is the traveled portion and the other is the untraveled portion of the street. He continued to address the traveled portion and the untraveled portion of the street as it may need to go to a trial because of the lack of clarity.

In response Attorney Davis requested Trustee Young redline his comments so that his concerns can be reviewed.

Mayor Veitch stated that a clause should be added for those that have already put up a deer fence. The village is having an amnesty period with the open permits and this would be similar.

## Mayor Updates Capital Projects, Grants & Other

Mayor Veitch made a plug for the Bellport Environmental Committee. It's one of our very active committees. They actually are a committee that brought in a \$15,000 grant and are working with our office to bring in more grant money for electrical vehicle charging stations. There is a panel presentation run by the Bellport Environmental Committee "Beyond Your Yard" on May 30, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

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### Trustee Updates

- a. Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier – Code Enforcement, Waterfront Management Board, Golf Commission, Tennis Commission, and Vouchers
  - Recap of HUD 2022/HUD 2024 Grants
  - Code Enforcement Staffing
    - I've already received complaints about Code Enforcement writing tickets. So, the new guys are doing the job.
    - DPW has been around my neighborhood working on sidewalks. Also, they are doing some mitigation of invasive species. They were working for 3 days on a parcel that the village owns. On Mott Drive they put up some plastic tarps to mitigate the expansion of bamboo in that field.
    - Trustee Polner stated that he has a serious issue with bamboo. Jason knows about the bamboo invading the catch basin behind the corner house on General McClean but it's nothing compared to what I had to deal with on my property.
  
- b. Trustee Lorraine Kuehn – Communication/Website, Business District, Senior Program, Vouchers, Kids Camp, and Building Department
  - Town of Brookhaven Senior Programs
    - The issue with the Town of Brookhaven to request Social Security cards and driver's license is on pause. We might have to walk away from our \$50,000 grant. The town stated that they are getting a lot of pushbacks from other agencies. We need to respond in writing.
  - Technology Update
    - Mayor Veitch reported that we continue to work on updating various aspects of our technology. Today we had battery backups put in for the computers. Again, I want to thank Matt McKone as he is the touchstone on a lot of these technical things.
  - Chamber 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
    - Mayor Veitch reported for Trustee Kuehn. Trustee Kuehn is the liaison to the chamber for the village. She met with the head of the chamber to talk about what we might do in addition to what else is happening around us. Trustee Kuehn will be working on summer events for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Constitution.
  
- c. Trustee Michael Young – Zoning Board of Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Planning Board, Historical Preservation, Yacht Club/Sailing Foundation
  - Reported earlier in the meeting on his concerns.
  - Finance Committee

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d. Trustee Dan Polner – DPW, Bellport Fire Department, South Country Ambulance, Suffolk County Police Department

- Update on First Responders  
Nothing to report on the fire department, ambulance or police side.  
DPW is putting the channel buoys and floating dock in by Memorial Day.  
Also, they have cleaned the marina docks.  
DPW continues to work on sidewalks and they are on Maplewood.

Trustee Young noted that people continue to approach him about the trenches from snow removal. They are breeding grounds for mosquitoes in the warmer months. Mayor Veitch stated that the resources are thin in DPW. She encourages people to take care of their own property.

Open Discussion:

- 1) Reviewed the draft minutes of April 27, 2026, General Meeting as presented.
- 2) Reviewed the request from Friends of Bellport Bay for the summer kick-off of BFL for the Seine netting program at Mother's Beach on June 29, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. as presented.
- 3) Reviewed the request from Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Museum to hold a lecture/interview on July 11, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center as presented.
- 4) Reviewed the Fire Inspection Summary as presented.
- 5) Reviewed the Building Department Activities as presented.

Executive Session (If needed)

On a motion by Trustee Michael Young, seconded by Trustee Dan Polner and unanimously carried, the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation.

On a motion by Trustee Michael Young, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier and unanimously carried, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Michael Young, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier and unanimously carried, the Board closed the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pontieri  
Village Clerk