

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting September 30, 2025

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; R. Stephen Leighton; Brian Monahan

Others Present: Ellen White, Town Administrator; Sonja Smith, Minutes Keeper

In Attendance: Betsy Cozine, Liza Witonis, Larisa Milloy, Teri Shakal, Sharon Omand, Betsy Schaeffer, and Charlie Burnham; Terry Hyland, Jr., Steve and Wendy Radwan, Stephen Delaney, Lisa Hurley

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payments of bills. The minutes of the September 15th meeting were read and approved. An intent to cut on 192 Evans Mountain Road was signed. Correspondence was read from Hammond Brown concerning net metering. Several NHDES shore land notifications were reviewed as well as a complaint to NHDES concerning a dock in Caswell Cove.

A recommendation for Fire Chief Johnson was reviewed and signed in order to advance his paramedic education.

Selectman Monahan will be reaching out to the Transfer Station Manager concerning possible expansion of hours. Because there is such limited space, there is no way to change the traffic flow. It is the Selectmen's hope that if hours were expanded, this would alleviate the traffic concerns at the Center. It was also discussed that patrons need to be patient and at the same time make their visit as efficient as possible, and have discussions elsewhere rather than the Transfer Station.

The Board welcomed in the Trustees of the Library, Betsy Cozine, Liza Witonis, Larisa Milloy, Sharon Omand, Betsy Schaeffer, and Charlie Burnham.

The Trustees gave an update on a piece of land being seriously considered for purchase. The property owners have requested a road be put in that either the Library/Town pay for or at least share the cost. The cost of a road was discussed. Selectman Leighton advised that the property owners need to bring forth a complete subdivision plan to the Planning Board for their approval and the road would be up to the property owners of the subdivision as the onus is on the property owners to supply and actual Town approved lot. The Selectmen were in agreement no decisions can be made until Town Meeting, which is what Mr. Burnham had told the property owners. The Trustees thanked the Board for meeting with them and for their advisement.

The Board revisited the minutes from August 5, 2025 concerning Class A trails. A list of Town roads, State roads, Class VI roads, Class A trails and abandoned roads was provided for those in attendance. Chair Sweet opened the minutes for correction, acknowledging that a property owner had written to the Selectmen for their help in prohibiting motor vehicles on New Road-a/k/a New Bow Lake Road, a Class A Trail.

Chair Sweet made a motion to correct the minutes to reflect New Road-a/k/a New Bow Lake Road, a Class A Trail, is being closed to motorized vehicles. Steve Leighton seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Lynn Sweet-aye, Stephen Leighton-aye, Brian Monahan-aye (see attached regulation) The Selectmen advised all other "Closed to Motorized Vehicles" signs be removed.

The portion of First Crown Point Road that was converted to a Class A trail in 2024 was extensively discussed. Terry Hyland Jr. acknowledged that Class A trails can be restricted at the discretion of the Board and felt that the New Road closure was a fair request. Mr. Radwan questioned the monitoring of Class A trails, such as when trees go down, who is responsible for the clean-up? Selectmen Leighton responded that Class A Trails are all natural, meaning if a tree goes down, it goes down.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from 2 residents in reference to the closing of Class A trails.

The swim rope will be taken out around Columbus Day by the Fire Department. The porta potties will be staying at the dam a bit longer to deter patrons of the beach/dam area from using the bathrooms at 7 C's.

Draft agendas will be posted prior to the Selectmen's Meetings, no later than Monday at noon. Agendas can be found on the Town's website. A motion was made, seconded, and voted on that Selectmen meetings be recorded for minute keeping purposes only.

The 2026 budget was touched upon. Department Heads are expected to give the Board their "wish list" items by Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

General discussion was had on several properties in Town.

Software revision was tabled until the next Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed the regulation of public use of New Road-a/k/a/New Bow Lake Road, a Class A Trail.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Steve Leighton to adjourn, seconded by Brian Monahan, and voted on unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.