

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 28, 2025

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Stephen Leighton

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

In Attendance: Tom Severino

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. The minutes of the October 14th meeting were read and approved. Two intents to cut for Blue Hills Foundation and one intent to cut for a Parker Mountain Road property were approved. A timber tax warrant for a property on Province Road was approved but will need another signature on the warrant before it can be sent out. A current use tax for a property on Leavitt Lane was approved.

Tom Severino met with the Board to discuss a property that he owns on Parker Mountain Road. After reviewing correspondence from Barry Surveying, and verification of a separate deed, a motion was made by Selectman Leighton, seconded by Chair Lynn Sweet to unmerge the once merged property. A unanimous vote was taken to reinstate the two lots. The Town Assessor will be asked to assign a new lot number. Property will stay in current use.

A letter sent to residents around and near the lake regarding the Bow Lake Watershed study from Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the Planning Board was read. It was noted that despite what the letter stated, the Board of Selectmen did not establish or appoint a steering committee.

Correspondence was read concerning the naming of a private road off of Barberry Lane. The Board reviewed several suggested names. The unanimous decision was that it be named Sandy Lane.

Emergency plans and procedures submitted by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector were reviewed and approved. The 2026 holiday schedule was reviewed and approved.

The general assessing extension contract letter with KRT Appraisal was reviewed approved and signed.

The Tax Collector consulted with the Board concerning several tax liens.

The State has not yet set the tax rate. All the forms have been submitted from the Town and Strafford's SAU awaiting the State's approval. The Town Administrator expects to hear from the State next week.

All departments have turned in their 2026 budget requests. The Board will continue to review the numbers when the full Board is in attendance.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Steve Leighton, seconded by Lynn Sweet and voted on unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.