

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting

### January 6, 2026

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

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young

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

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. Payroll and the payments of bills were reviewed and approved.

Chief Young met with the Board.

At this time a motion was made by Steve Leighton and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:43PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Steve Leighton to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye

Public session reconvened at 5:55PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye

The agreement for animal services was reviewed and signed. A request form for use of the Strafford School's gymnasium for Town Meeting was signed. The Strafford Regional Planning Commission Planning and Zoning services agreement/renewal was reviewed and signed.

The Board reviewed the invoice for the work that was done on the older ambulance.

Two proposals for the State required utility appraisal were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board choose the proposal submitted by Brian D. Fogg, LLC.

The Board discussed a citizen's petition article that was submitted to open, improve and maintain a portion of Old Whig Hill Road. After conferring with the Road Agent and considering the costs involved with the project and the maintaining of the road, the Board is opposed in using tax payer money and voted unanimously to not recommend the article on the warrant.

Correspondence was read regarding a complaint of the roads in a certain part of Town. One Selectman who lives in that neighborhood reported that the roads were being done in a timely manner and that

perhaps the ice storm was tricky to navigate. The Selectmen noted social media posts praising the Road Crew during that same storm.

The operational budget for 2026 was briefly discussed. The Selectmen will delve into the budget thoroughly at their next meeting, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Seasonal adjustments to the operating hours at the Transfer Station were discussed. The Board was in agreement to add a three hour shift on Thursdays starting with the Thursday after Memorial Day until the Thursday before Columbus Day to alleviate the busy-ness it incurs due to summer residents.

A recently retired gentleman in Town contacted the Selectmen's Office with his desire for opening a free medical clinic. While the Board greatly appreciates his efforts, they know of no current space available and suggested churches and other local organizations in the area be contacted.

With no further business to discuss, and because of the Selectmen's attending the public hearing scheduled by the Planning Board to present proposed zoning ordinances, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.