

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 12, 2026

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; R. Stephen Leighton, Brian Monahan  
Others Present: Ellen White, Town Administrator; Sonja Smith, Minutes Keeper  
In Attendance: Bryan Christianson, Comcast;

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Board met with Comcast Representative Bryan Christianson to discuss the possibility of Comcast coming to Strafford as a franchise and offering residents their competitive services. Mr. Christiansen gave a brief overview of the services Comcast provides, stating they'd be running 87 miles of infrastructure to Strafford. Questions were raised regarding if Comcast was planning on servicing the northern quadrant of Strafford, as that is a lost area. Mr. Christiansen will get back to the Town Administrator with that answer and will include a detailed road list of the proposed properties to be serviced. Another question raised was on the location of the lines and how double poles would be handled. Mr. Christiansen explained the lines would be above the lowest lines and if taller poles would be needed, Comcast would provide those and not be adding to the cut off poles that are hanging.

There will be a public hearing June 9<sup>th</sup> for questions and concerns to be aired. The Board advised Comcast also reach out to Police Chief Young concerning the scheduling of required police details. Mr. Christiansen thanked the Board for their time and looks forward to the outcome of the June 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.

Payroll and the payment of bills was reviewed and approved. The April 14, 2026 meeting minutes were read and approved. A timber tax warrant was approved. After reviewing an intent to cut, the Board was in agreement the intent was not necessary as it did not meet the parameters set in RSA 79:10. The Board advised the logger be notified. Reappointment forms for the Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer were reviewed and approved. An abatement for a property was considered and signed. Other miscellaneous correspondence was read.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of the Planning and Zoning Boards' Minutes Keeper, Bob Fletcher, effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board noted his impeccable service for many years are appreciated. He will be greatly missed.

The overseer of the Center Strafford Cemetery is to be contacted to repair the sign.

The Library updated the Board on where they were in their negotiations with the purchase of land. The property owner has requested a letter of interest from the Library. After consideration, the consensus was to contact the property owner and in effect, walk away from this particular parcel. The Library will keep the Board informed of any new land leads.

An update on the implementation of the assessing and tax software was given.

The Board reviewed a letter from the NH DRA regarding the "matrix" for timber cuts.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Steve Leighton 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 6:35PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 7:40PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

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

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

Correspondence between Code of Enforcement and a property owner were read. It was suggested that the property owner go before the Zoning Board for a variance. Further consideration of the ordinance may have to be addressed. This issue was tabled for a future meeting.

Appointments for the next Selectmen's meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> were discussed.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.