

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 7, 2026

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Brian Monahan; R. Stephen Leighton
In Attendance: Joe White and Dan Howard, Code of Enforcement

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

Joe White updated the Board concerning a code violation at a rented property in Town. He and the Board concurred on next steps. An inspection report will be written and sent to the property owner. It was briefly mentioned that the State Fire Marshall should be brought in to inspect a woodstove. Joe also discussed a verbal right to know request he had received. Mr. White and the Board agreed that the issue is a civil matter and falls on the property owner and not the renter.

Dan Howard met with the Board to discuss an ongoing dispute between neighbors concerning an outdoor lighting complaint. Dan spoke with the neighbor with the outdoor light who confirmed he has been on vacation for the past few weeks and the light is on a motion sensor. Selectman Monahan went to the residence one evening to view the light. Showing the picture to the Board, the Board was in agreement the neighbor's light is not in violation of the Town's dark sky ordinance as the light is aimed down and it's on a timed motion sensor.

A property that is being advertised as an "approved event venue" was discussed. No permits or variance request was submitted to the Town, Planning Board, or Zoning Board of Adjustment. Strafford Regional Planning Commission will communicate with the property owner notifying them of the Town's requirements for this type of venue. .

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payment of bills and payroll. The minutes of the June 23rd were read and approved. Miscellaneous correspondence was read.

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 (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 5:56 PM.

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 6:22 PM.

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

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

An updated list of unpaid taxes was reviewed.

The Board of Selectmen discussed apparent violations of an agreement between the KOA Campground and the Town. The Board directed an invitation letter be sent to the property owners and/or campground manager to meet with them and to review the terms and current status of the agreement, which was originally established in the 1970s. The purpose of the meeting would be to address potential compliance issues and discuss whether updates to the agreement may be necessary to reflect current circumstances and standards.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.