

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 4, 2026

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

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

In Attendance: Randy Young, Police Chief; Dan Howard and Joe White, Building Inspectors

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. The minutes of the July 21st meeting were read and approved. An intent to cut was signed.

Police Chief Young met with the Board.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet 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 5:50 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 5:56 PM.

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 Police Department's budget was reviewed with the Chief, along with the numerous requests the Police Department is receiving to provide road details to utility companies.

The Board discussed a recent gathering held on a property in Strafford for which neither the Police Department nor the Fire Department received prior notification. It was determined that the property owner be notified that any future events or festivities held on the property must receive prior approval from the Planning Board, noting that no commercial events or activities may be conducted on the property without obtaining the appropriate permits and approvals. The Code Enforcement Office will issue a letter outlining these requirements.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet 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 6:23 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 6:31 PM.

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

An estimate for the purchase of signs for the beach/dam area was reviewed and approved. A proposal for the landscaping of gardens at the Town Hall was discussed and approved. A preventive maintenance contract for the equipment at the Transfer Station was reviewed and signed.

The 2027 holiday/election schedule was reviewed. The Selectmen approved the dates for the offices to be closed.

The Board met with Code Enforcement to review an ongoing property-related concern regarding code compliance and safety issues. Joe White and Dan Howard reported that these concerns involving older installations and unpermitted work were investigated. After investigation, the property owner was given an inspection report. Results of the inspection report were noted to the Board. The concerned party was provided with contact information for the appropriate State agency for further review. Code Enforcement also noted that a request for public records by the concerned party for the inspection report had been processed in accordance with legal guidance and that all related communications and actions are being documented for the record.

Code Enforcement and Selectman Monahan have visited a property with lighting ordinance violation. The light was found to be a dusk to dawn light and not on a motion sensor. Code Enforcement was instructed to send another letter to the property owner concerning the infraction of the Town's outdoor lighting ordinance.

The Board reviewed legal counsel's advisement regarding the campground agreement be updated. The Board is scheduled to have a conference call with the campground's owner at their next meeting.

After discussion, legal advice to be sought concerning a repurchase of a property in Town.

Updates were given on the server upgrade. The Board requested a price be given for a GIS mapping software.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.