Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
October 13, 2026

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; R. Stephen Leighton, Brian Monahan
Others Present: Ellen White, Town Administrator; Sonja Smith, Minutes Keeper
In Attendance: Jay Schaeffer, Library Building Committee

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Payroll and the payments of bills were reviewed and approved. The Minutes of the September 29, 2026 Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved. The Board reviewed and signed the 2026 MS-1. Two notices of pay rate were signed. The 2027 insurance renewal from Healthtrust was signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was read.

The Board discussed the scheduling of public hearings regarding the proposed purchase of land. The hearings will be held in November. Following the public hearings, the Board will vote on the proposed land purchase two weeks after the final hearing date.

Jay Schaeffer, representing the Hill Library Building Committee, appeared before the Board to inquire whether the Town is still considering a parcel of land that had been previously discussed several months ago. The Board reiterated the requirements that would need to be met before the Town could consider the parcel for purchase. These requirements include the provision of legal access to the property by the landowner, upgrading the roadway to a Class V road, and obtaining approval of a subdivision plan, as the lot does not currently exist as a separate parcel for Town purposes. The Board also stated that it would not consider relocating other Town departments to alternative buildings. Other possible locations for the Library were discussed briefly; however, no conclusions were reached.

Mr. Schaeffer also inquired about the removal of double utility poles within Town. The Board noted that the timing of removal is dependent upon the utility company and expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of the process.

The Board received an update regarding an ongoing neighbor dispute involving a light shining onto an adjoining property. It was noted that certain ordinance violations may carry associated fines. The Board was informed that the property owner intends to have an electrician install a timer on the light. In the interim, the Code Enforcement Officer will recommend that the light be turned off until the timer is installed. The Board agreed that the matter remains a civil dispute between neighboring property owners.

The Board reviewed and discussed the departmental budget and possible warrant article requests submitted for the 2027 budget cycle.

The Board reviewed 2027 budget estimates for IT support services, along with the anticipated cost of replacing the Town's server. Several neighboring municipalities currently utilize Block 5 for their

IT services and have reported positive experiences. After reviewing the proposals, service offerings, and associated costs, and although costs were comparable, the Board agreed to transition IT support services from the Town's current provider to Block 5. The existing contract will remain in effect until December 31, 2026, with Block 5 assuming responsibility for IT support services effective January 1, 2027.

The Board reviewed an email received by the Town Administrator regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Town Hall. Following discussion, the Board directed that the Green Committee be informed once again that there is no identified need for EV charging stations at Town Hall at this time.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:49PM.