June 4, 2025

6:05 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, Jim White, Diana Worth, Mike Gleason, Krista Bishop, Stephanie Pare

Selectboard:

* Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the minutes from the selectboard meeting held on May 21, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* The final draft of the annual town warrant was reviewed.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to accept the town warrant for FY 2026. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* All members have a copy of the town personnel policy to take and review.
* Meeting at the Rowe Town Hall for the board members on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, to discuss the shared Tunnel Road Bridge.
* Highway truck purchase discussed. Tractor & Machine and Road Maintenance have an estimated $150,000.00 left in total of the two accounts. There is enough funding left to purchase the truck.

Jim White, Highway Department Superintendent:

* Updated the board on the progress of the work done on the Florida/Charlemont bridge. All completed, it was milled and blacktopped today. Jim just needs to add a PVC pipe to extend the drain.
* Mowing cemeteries
* Cleaning up the swale on Whitcomb Hill Road.
* Millings on South County East. Gravel done on South County Road.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* Lisa and Joan will mail the Annual Town Meeting warrant out on Friday. The mailing will also include National Grid’s letter regarding the use of telephone poles.
* Kurtis Durocher, Veteran’s Agent, will not be attending the Selectboard meeting on June 18th as originally planned. Neil met with him and informed him that National Grid refuses to allow the town to put anything on the poles.
* Mad Macs is merging with Evolution as of July 1st.
* Lee Audio working June 17th and 18th.
* Dangerous Dog Hearing notices went out.

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Public Comment:

* Krista Bishop updated the board that Dwayne from Mayflower is retiring, and Mayflower is going away. The assessors will go back to using Patriot, which is now called Catalis. They do recommend updating the software however the Assessors are not planning to do that yet. Krista presented the board with the necessary contract.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to hire Catalis for the towns assessing for the next three years for the total cost of $37,500.00. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Mike Gleason questioned the Paid Family Medical Leave Act (PFMLA). Neil responded that the town is looking into setting up disability. Stephanie Pare discussed PFMLA would cover any employee for up to 26 weeks of service, based on a high rounded number of payroll costs, which would cost the town $15,000.00 total per year. This would cover every employee. Stephanie and Heidi will reach out to the state to get a firm estimate of costs and who would qualify as an “employee” for this purpose.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to use up to $15,000 from the Health Insurance account to enroll in the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Diana Worth and Jeremy Dodge are going to inspect the dog-living situation of the home that the dangerous dog hearing is for. The owner was told to do something on the 16th, and he has not done it yet.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.