May 21, 2025

6:04 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, Vicki Winchell, Diana Worth, Jeremy Dodge

Selectboard:

* Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the minutes from the selectboard meeting held on May 7, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the minutes from the joint selectboard/finance committee meeting held on May 13, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded.
* No new update on MVP and HMP core team meeting.
* Joint selectboard and finance committee meeting scheduled for May 28, 2025, at 5pm at Town Hall.
* Animal Control Officers Diana Worth and Jeremy Dodge attended the meeting to inform the board they (the selectmen) will need to schedule a dangerous dog hearing. The animal in question was supposed to be euthanized on May 22, 2025, after attacking its owner at his home on Central Shaft Road. A neighbor was also attacked when he tried to help the owner. The owner has since chosen not to have the dog euthanized. Because of this, a hearing will now need to be scheduled. The animal control officers have informed the selectmen that the owner will need to agree to keeping the dog muzzled when it is off the property. The animal must be kept confined, in a clean and secure area. The hearing will need to be posted in the paper. Diana Worth will gather more necessary information and discuss it at the May 28, 2025, the selectboard meeting.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the fees for the kennel licenses in the following increments: 10 dogs or less $50.00; 20 dogs or less $100.00; 30 dogs or less $150.00; over 30 dogs is $10 per dog. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* A meeting will be held regarding Tunnel Road Bridge at the Rowe Town Hall on June 10, 2025, at 10am. Attendees will include Representatives Blais and Barrett, Senator Mark, Mass DOT, Rowe Town Administrator, Kristen Elechko, Rowe Selectboard, Joan Lewis, and Tim Zelazo. Neil Oleson will also try to attend.
* Kurtis Durocher, the area’s Veteran Services Agent, has requested to be on the agenda for the Selectboard meeting June 18, 2025, to discuss hometown hero flags. Neil will reach out to Kurtis to discuss this.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the letter informing residents all items must be removed from any National Grid poles. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the agreement with Charlemont to repair the Charlemont/Florida bridge. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
* New England Paving will be used to repair the Charlemont/Florida bridge. Each town will owe $27,500.00.

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Jim White, Highway Department Superintendent:

* Grader had a flat from a stud it picked up on Savoy Road.
* Washout on Savoy Road will need to have the ditch cut and repaired. Jim will haul gravel there.
* Gravel options for the roads were discussed.
* All sweeping has been completed. Mike received complaints from some residents about millings on their lawns from plowing.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* Shared the wording with the board on how to write up the speed limit article for the annual town meeting. The board approved it.
* Discussed insurance information and recommended not submitting the claim for the accident to the Fire Department building. The board instructed Joan to cancel the claim.
* Still working with Scott Kirchner on cybersecurity and the town website.
* The personnel policy was received from the attorney’s office. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.
* The building inspector has been being harassed. Joan and Neil followed up on complaints and confirmed she has been doing what she is supposed to be doing.

Public Comment:

* None

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.