

Selectboard Minutes
February 17, 2026

Present: Paul Kleinman, Chair
Letty Bedard
Andrew Artimovich
Jim Michaud
Bob Mantegari

At 6:00pm Kleinman called the Public meeting to order.

Mantegari motioned to approve the payroll & A/P manifest. Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Mantegari made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for the Nonpublic Minutes of 2/10/26, which Bedard would like to discuss in nonpublic at some point. All voted in favor.

Kleinman opened the Public Hearing regarding the petition warrant article for the Adoption of Provision of RSA 40:13 (SB2). Catherine Armstrong, Lead Petitioner, was unable to attend as she has two young children at home. Kleinman read a statement submitted by Armstrong (see attached). Many residents expressed their opposition to SB2 siting poor attendance at the Cooperative Deliberative Session, Town Meeting being the best place for voters to make informed decisions, and Town Meeting being the best example of Pure Democracy. All Selectboard members stated they would not vote in favor of recommending this warrant article. One resident came forward in favor of the warrant article due to the long meetings and the appearance that residents that attend seem to have a particular item they are there to vote on. With no more residents coming forward for public comment, at 6:35pm Mantegari made a motion to close the public hearing. Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Town Clerk Daphne Woss was in to announce that the last day to register to vote is 2/27/26. In addition, Voting will be held at the Swasey School on 3/10 and Town Meeting at 3/14, both at the school. They have two machines for elections now so things should move smoothly. She expressed a thank you to Town Administrator Stevens, and Selectboard members Michaud and Mantegari.

Attorney Jason Reimers and Brentwood Dam Ventures (BDV) owner Naoto Inoue were in regarding the Mill Road Dam. They spoke about their plans for the removal of the dam and that American Rivers has secured an award of \$675,000 from the NH Dept of Environmental Services' Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund to help with the expense of this project. As part of the ARM Fund's and US Army Corps of Engineer's requirements, it is a contingency that BDV convey the flowage rights or the entire property to a qualified entity such as the Town. They are before the Board to start discussion of this proposal. Kleinman mentioned that there are \$9,341 in back taxes due on that property. Reimers stated that he was not aware of that, but that cost could probably be covered by the Fund. A recommendation was made that they speak with the Conservation Commission. Artimovich asked if the cost of conveyance would be covered if the Conservation Commission is interested in acquiring the property. Reimers responded that it would. Many residents spoke in opposition of the Town getting involved in the project due to possible liability issues down the road and any cost that may be incurred. Reimers noted that there will be funding for monitoring in the budget. He continued that they are not there looking for a

commitment but simply starting the dialogue. Inoue concluded by saying he is not asking the Town for a dime.

Kleinman moved onto the follow-up discussion of trash/recycling. Kleinman continued that in the event the Town votes not to make the appropriation to continue with manual pick-up, what would the automated pick-up entail? Kleinman said he looked back through the minutes from July and it looked like at that time the plan was to use 95 gallon carts for both recycling and trash. Other information that is needed for residents is where the carts need to be situated and about the procedure of the container exchange. Michaud added that residents would also be able to rent an additional cart at an annual fee and the Board needs to determine what that fee will be and what the Town is going to do about Commercial properties. Michaud said Casella is currently picking up at businesses and his thought is that they would continue that. Bedard asked how the bin exchange takes place. Artimovich suggests Casella provide an email address that residents can contact for bin exchanges. All agreed it would be easier if residents could let them know ahead of time what size they'd like. Stevens will find out about the logistics of the exchange. Stevens shared that she spoke to Casella about the additional cart rental fee and they charge \$130/year and then the town adds on what they feel is appropriate to cover the additional tipping fee. Casella suggests \$100 as that is the estimated cost for 1 year of tipping fees for a bin. The entire fee would go to Casella who would in turn either put through a quarterly credit on our invoice or send us a check. Peter Foster of Prescott Rd requested that the Casella contract be posted on the website.

At 7:50pm, Kleinman opened discussion of Old Business.

- Stevens shared the requested Cartographic contracts with Bedard.
- Stevens informed the Board that the Town Office has been re-keyed. The question she has is who they want to have keys to the building. The Board said that the town office employees, the Selectboard members and Committee Chairs should receive them. Artimovich suggested that a Key Control Policy be established including who is assigned a key, the maintenance of a key list and controls for accessing the key box.
- Stevens asked if the \$5,000 for clearing of snow from the Town Office and Library roofs can be paid from the Municipal Building Maintenance C/R Fund. Artimovich made a motion to approve that payment. Michaud seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Under Committee Updates the following was shared:

- Mantegari mentioned that the Recreation Commission is meeting tomorrow starting with a 5:30-6:30 work session for updates on the by-laws.
- Kleinman reported that the Planning Board is having a work session for town engineer applicants tomorrow.
- Doug Marino of the Planning Board announced that RPC had a meeting last week and approved the 2026 Highway Safety Targets and Regional Transit Safety Targets.
- Michaud passed along that he's working with Chief Murch and the State on getting a crosswalk at Lindy's as there have been several close calls in that location.

Kleinman opened up Public Comment at 8:15:

- Ward Byrne of Rowell Rd inquired if there is going to be a report in the Town Report of the Fund Balance and Revolving Fund Account Balances since those weren't reported last year. Stevens responded that the auditors aren't expected to have their report submitted until May and it's

impossible to accurately report that without their information. Stevens said that she can post the auditor's report on the website once it becomes available.

- Bedard inquired if there were any candidates for the Deputy Treasurer position. Stevens responded that there has only been 1 who was not a good fit.
- Bedard also inquired about Emergency Management. Stevens said there are 2 candidates that she needs to make interview appointments with.

At 8:17pm, Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Mantegari, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Stevens

2/24/2026 Permits

Name:	Address:	Permit Type
Langdon Construction	4 Stonecreek Drive	Plumbing
Glenn Blouin	351 Route 125	Electrical
First Baptist Church	201 North Road	Electrical
G. Stilwell & M. Evangelou	27 Three Ponds Drive	General
William Morin IV	386 South Road	General

STATEMENT FROM CATHERINE ARMSTRONG FOR SB2 PUBLIC HEARING 2/17/26

I was the lead petitioner for the SB2 warrant, and Julie Stevens reached out to let me know that I am encouraged to attend the meeting next week, 2/17. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend as I will be home with my 4 and 2 year old. If it would be possible for the Selectboard to read a statement I can provide that at least.

I support SB2 format because it allows residents who are unable to attend Town Meeting to have access to voting on the town budget and warrant articles. There are many reasons why someone may not be able to attend town meeting, including health issues, work schedule, child care restraints, among others. Between 2023 and 2025, Town meeting lasted between 5-7 hours. In the SB2 format, a deliberative session would still allow for conversation and amendments if necessary, but take much less time without the official voting. In 2025, 855 more residents showed up to vote on Tuesday than to Town meeting.

In 2024 SB2 was voted on at town meeting and did receive the majority vote, but was short on 3/5 by 23 votes. After talking with many residents, both newer and here over 20+ years, it felt important to be able to vote on this again at this year's town meeting.

Thank you,

Catherine Armstrong

January 16, 2026

Via Email and First-Class Mail

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Re: Removal of Dam on the Exeter River and Donation of Land to the Town of Brentwood

Dear Chairmen Kleinman and Wofchuck:

I write to you on behalf of my client, Brentwood Dam Ventures, LLC (BDV). BDV is a mostly inactive entity that owns a parcel of property on the Exeter River in Brentwood (parcel ID 217.084.000). The property consists of two small shorefront parcels and a dam just south of the Mill Road bridge over the Exeter River. BDV has been working with American Rivers, which is a conservation non-profit organization, to obtain funding to remove the existing dam. As the project manager, American Rivers has recently secured an award of \$675,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund to help with the removal of the dam and restoration of the natural river channel and wildlife habitat. See the enclosed letter from the ARM Fund for an explanation of the benefits that will result from the dam's removal.

As part of the ARM Fund's and US Army Corps of Engineer's requirements for the long-term protection of the property, it is required that BDV convey the flowage rights or the entire property to a qualified entity such as the Town of Brentwood. BDV has no interest in retaining ownership of the property after the dam is removed and would welcome the Town's accepting ownership of the fee interest in the property, or at least the flowage rights. Thus, I am writing to you to begin this conversation. I am not sure what the Town's preferred steps would be to evaluate this opportunity, so I thought I would begin by writing to you both as the Chairs of the Selectboard and Conservation Commission. Naoto Inoue is the contact person for BDV, and Naoto and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Selectboard and/or the Conservation Commission to discuss this project.



I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Reimers", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enc.

Cc: Naoto Inoue
Andrew Fisk, American Rivers