

## Selectboard Minutes

May 5, 2026

Present: Robert Mantegari, Chair  
Jim Michaud  
Letty Bedard  
Paul Kleinman  
David Menter

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

Mantegari made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to allow Board member Kleinman to attend remotely due to family travel. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, and Menter voted in favor. Motion passed.

Following the reading of payroll and accounts payable, Mantegari made a motion to sign the manifest. Menter seconded the motion; Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor.

Mantegari made a motion, with a second by Michaud, to approve the Public Minutes from 4/28/26 as amended. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard & Menter voted in favor. Kleinman abstained. Bedard made a motion to unseal the 4/22/26 nonpublic minutes. Menter seconded the motion. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard and Menter voted in favor; Kleinman abstained. Mantegari made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to approve the 4/22/26 nonpublic minutes. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard and Menter voted in favor; Kleinman abstained.

Mantegari read aloud the Treasurer's report.

Dexter Swasey of the Historical Society gave an update on the Grange. He explained that the building was designated a NH Historical Building which opened up more grants. From there, they filed for a NH Preservation Alliance 1772 Foundation Grant. Swasey is optimistic that we will get approved for the grant. The Town has appropriated a \$10,000 match. Next was a building assessment. That was completed and we did receive the matching funds from NH Preservation Alliance. There is a copy of their assessment available at the Historical Society. Their first recommendation was that the windows need to be fixed as well as the foundation. Lastly, they are working on an L-Chip grant for the windows. Their letter of intent has been accepted. There are 24 windows that need to be restored and are getting 3 estimates for that work.

The Board reviewed a few expense requests:

1. The Building Inspector is in need of a new laptop, second monitor and hub. The total cost is \$1,698. Bedard made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to approve the expenditure for the Building Inspector computer, to be paid from Information Systems Equipment Purchases line. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor.
2. Recreation is in need of a new fire panel. They have received an estimate in the amount of \$4,750. Bedard made a motion, with a second by Michaud, to approve the expenditure from the Maintenance of Town Owned Building Capital Reserve Fund. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, and Menter voted in favor. Kleinman abstained due to audio difficulties.
3. Welfare is requesting the purchase of a new ipad. Mantegari suggested asking Block 5 for a quote on a new Dell laptop. Block 5. Menter seconded the motion; Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor.

4. Road agent Robinson had a dead tree removed from a cemetery as there was concern about it crashing down on headstones. The cost was \$2,800 and there has been discussion that the cemetery trustees may be open to splitting the cost. Hajjar, chairman of the Cemetery Trustees, responded that they are meeting this week and they may be open to sharing the cost or paying for the entire amount out of the Expendable Trust Fund. Bedard made a motion to table the decision until we hear back from the Cemetery Trustees. Mantegari seconded the motion; Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor.

Stevens presented a revised copy of the Selectboard Handbook showing all discussed changes in red. Mantegari made a motion, seconded by Michaud, to approve all of the proposed changes. Mantegari, Michaud, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor. Bedard was opposed due to the fact that she disagreed with the section regarding remote participation. Motion carried.

State Representative Melissa Litchfield came before the Board with a gift for the town. There was a state flag and American flag flown over the State House on March 18th in Brentwood's honor. She presented the Board with both flags and framed certificates.

Stevens mentioned that there is a large event taking place at the Recreation facility this summer that is requesting a bouncy house. The Recreation is asking if the \$300,000 COI requirement is enough for such an event? The Board agreed that it should be a \$1,000,000 insurance requirement with a Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifying the Town on any issues.

Mantegari asked for Committee updates:

- Michaud had several updates:
  - He said that Officer Cooper completed Fire Arms Instructor School last week.
  - There will be a Celebration of Officer Arkell on 5/12 at 4pm @ Tonry Cemetery.
  - The Fire Dept's off-road vehicle is mostly painted. It should be ready for the 7/4 parade.
  - The New England Dragway had a big event last weekend and all went very well.
  - The Recreation Dept is in the planning process for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The deadline to participate is 6/1. There will be food trucks and vendors.
- Menter advised that the Conservation Commission meets again on 5/13. Dam Ventures will be there as a follow up to their meeting with the Selectboard a couple months ago.
- Bedard said the School Board meeting was last night and their budget is doing well.
- Kleinman reminded all that the Planning Board is meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays this month.
- Mantegari mentioned that the Budget Committee's next meeting is 5/11 at 6pm.

Stevens provided a quick update on the 91-A request received by Bedard.

Mantegari opened the floor to public discussion:

- Doug Finan, Gove Road, recommended a formal appraisal of the Grange Building.

At 7:05, Mantegari made a motion, with a second by Michaud, to go into nonpublic session. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, Kleinman and Menter voted in favor. Kleinman signed off from his remote participation.

At 7:20pm, a motion was made by Mantegari and seconded by Michaud to come out of nonpublic. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, and Menter voted in favor. Bedard made a motion, seconded by Mantegari, to seal the minutes. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, and Menter voted in favor.

Bedard made a motion to approve the Poor Farm Cemetery Easement. Seconded by Michaud. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard and Menter voted in favor.

At 7:21, Mantegari made a motion, with a second from Michaud, to adjourn. Mantegari, Michaud, Bedard, and Menter voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens