



Town of Dublin
Select Board Meeting
Monday July 27, 2026
4:30 PM

The Select Board reviewed payroll, accounts payable and the correspondence file

IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Peters, Frank Rizzo, Blake Minckler, Police Chief- Timothy Suokko, Road Agent-Roger Trempe, Conservation Commission Member: Jay Schechter, Residents: Kathy Nichols, Joseph Carignan, Geoff, Emily, Molly and Beth Pinney.

CALL TO ORDER: Susan called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Public Comment Period: Kathy served the Select Board with a Right to Know request concerning the staff appreciation dinner and why the library staff was not invited. The Town Administrator's Assistant spoke up and said that the library had been invited. It had been her job to print out the invitations and place them in department mailboxes at Town Hall. She has no doubt that she placed four invitations in the library mailbox because she recalled wondering if there were four or five staff members. Kathy stated that she believed the assistant. The assistant said that she would write a letter to the Library director saying that she was sorry that they missed the dinner but did not feel as though she could apologize because she knows that the invitations were placed in the mailbox. Kathy said that a letter was not necessary but suggested she go speak with the director.

SELECT BOARDS BUSINESS:

1. **Police Department-** Chief Suokko presented a copy of the monthly incident report to the Board. He mentioned that the Department has been very busy with Community Events: Firework Display on the 2nd, an in-service program for Dublin Consolidated School and Dublin Community Day. The Chief attended the FBI Command Force Leadership program. The Department will be participating on August 4th from 5-8PM at Monadnock Hospital for National Night Out. Geoff questioned the Chief concerning the new radar signs and wondered why the radar trailer had not been used in the past few years and is sitting up at the Highway Barn. Tim explained that the newer signs are easier to program, move and more information can be displayed on them. Geoff then suggested that the Town sell the radar trailer. Because Tim had no objections, the Board will place the trailer

up for sale. Geoff then suggested that an ad be placed in the *Advocate* for any equipment the Town sells, allowing residents to be aware of items. The Board stated that a public notice is put in the *Monadnock Leger*. Geoff also questioned the Chief about a video surveillance tape from the Town's last election. The Chief said that it was secured and sent to the State AG's office. Investigator Tracey is in charge and Geoff could contact him with any further questions. After Tim left the meeting, Geoff stated that he was disheartened to see police details from other Towns in our area while our officers go to other Towns to do details. Discussion ensued concerning the process that the County employs for police details. Geoff was asked to put his concerns in an email, and the discussion can move forward with Chief Suokko present.

2. **Highway Department-** Roger had purchased a mileage counter which has the ability to maintain an inventory of culverts, pipes, conditions of roads, is able to record GPS coordinates of culverts and many other features but additional software needs to be purchased. The cost is \$1,100. The software uses Excel and therefore Roger could use his laptop and input information as the department works in various areas, building up an inventory for the Capital Improvement Plan. The Town Administrator will evaluate whether the 2026 budget can absorb this expense or if it needs to be budgeted for next year. Roger mentioned that in past years, the Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association has been willing to help finance projects which will help preserve the quality of Dublin Lake. He wonders if they would pay to have Old Pound Road paved preventing sand run-off into the lake. The Board will approach the association and asked Roger for a "ball-park" figure for paving. Today's price is \$19,000. Roger stated that Chip Sealing is on schedule for Town roads but the work has been delayed because of rain. Discussion then turned to Geoff Pinney's property- Map 7 Lot 71 Sub A-169 Cobb Meadow Road which has been cited for wetland violations. Roger has evaluated the culvert and ditch that Geoff says he has been maintaining for many years. Roger states that the Highway Department has the ability and capability to do the necessary work and if there is an issue that Roger cannot handle, he will talk to Geoff. Jay said that Geoff has been digging into wetlands well off the road which is a Town as well as a State violation. For the sake of moving forward, Mr. Pinney agrees not to dig in wetlands anymore and the Town will do its obligation to keep ditches and culverts open.
3. **Audit Contract with Roberts and Greene** - signed by the Board
4. **Intent to Cut** - signed by the Board
 - 26-127-07T Map 3 Lot 3 42 Close Road
5. **Building Permit** - signed by the Board
 - Map 3 Lot24 Sub A 158 Page Road
6. **Appointment of Sturdy Thomas to the Zoning Board-** Susan made a motion to appoint Sturdy Thomas as a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a

three-year term subject to two current members changing their status to alternate or resigning which would bring the Zoning Board membership down to the State mandated five members. Blake seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

7. **Approval of the Minutes of July 13, 2026-** Blake made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Frank seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
8. **Approval of the Non-Public Minutes of June 15, 2026-**Blake made a motion to approve the minutes as written and that they remain sealed. Susan seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
9. **221 Cobb Meadow Road-Wetlands Violation-** In response to a complaint about a wetland violation, the Conservation Commission viewed the property and sent a letter to the owner about their observations. To date, Joseph Carignan had not received the letter, but Dublin's Code Enforcement Officer left his card when he visited the property. Joseph said that the brook on his property flooded 8-10 years ago and most of his property washed away. Over the years, he has been reinforcing the banks with natural stones to prevent erosion but hasn't added any in several years. Vehicles also need to be moved outside wetlands. Joseph's driveway is next to the brook. The Board will wait on the report from the Code Enforcement Officer and suggested that Joseph contact him so they can both be on site at the same time.
10. **Miscellaneous**
 - Geoff alleges that there are many properties and gave a few specific addresses in Dublin that are violating Town Ordinances such as operating a business, wetland violation, less than 10 acres but are in current use status. The Board suggests that Geoff write a letter to the Board with his complaints.
 - Geoff said that in signing a new contract with the Auditor that he hopes the Board put in the contract that the audit needs to be finished by Town Meeting. The Board explained why this time frame will not work. There are very few municipal auditors available, and current turn around is well within a proper time frame.
 - Primex is refunding the Town \$51.00 for Unemployment Compensation and \$1821.00 for Workers Compensation. The Town Administrator suggested taking this money as a credit towards next year's bill. Blake moved to accept the money as a credit towards the 2027 Primex bill. Frank seconded. Vote in the affirmative.
 - Discussion continued concerning boats mooring in Dublin Lake. Since the Lake is not State regulated, no State laws apply. Towns could regulate moorings in several ways. Additional research and data will be collected this year.
 - The Historical Society of Cheshire County is currently reviewing the contract between the Town and Dublin's Historical Society.

- The Energy Committee will have a site visit July 29th at the Highway Barn and Transfer Station in consideration of possible solar arrays. All are invited to attend.
- Dublin's Code Enforcement Officer will be asked to follow up on possible oil leaks on 90 Old Harrisville Road and a notification on Perry Pasture Road.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm. Frank seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela J. Celko

Susan Peters, Chair_____

Blake Minckler_____

Frank Rizzo_____