

HANCOCK BUDGET ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES – 01/07/26

5:00 PM – Commencing

CHAIR – Kristin Omlor

SECRETARY – Dave Wallace (for David Kidd)

MEMBERS – Dave Wallace, Peter Webster, Jim Frame, Bill Rouff

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

Updates from Selectboard:

- Will confirm with Malachi on extending Summer Camp to 6 weeks and reduced number of counselors to 3 (from 4).
- Lifeguards are there for the town so should be on duty past the time the camp gets out. Ideally one of the counselors is lifeguard trained.
- Ages limited from 6-12 (same as last year). Prefer smaller, safe camp then larger camp with more safety challenges.

Update from PD at Selectboard – Linda (PD) took a position with the legal advisor, so not taking PD administration position. PD approved to hire full time administrator.

Update from Water Dept at Selectboard

- Tom discussed warrant article for excavator and the warrant article for the reserve fund

Update from Fire Department at Selectboard meeting

- Paul reported the Construction Manager is planning the building design is continuing for the original project scope, and the reduced scope agreed upon with Selectboard in multiple phases
- USDA grant paperwork arrived today for Fire Station, which requires additional input prior to finalizing the grant
- Question for FD was how the funding was to be rolled out. Feedback from John was that the grant is a reimbursement, thus the entire project will require a bond for the full project.
- Full scope of the project cost is expected to be more than the original \$1.3 Million estimate
- FD will report the cost to the Selectboard by 1/14/2026
- Bond meeting on 1/26/2026 will not include the Fire Station budget request since the estimate must be public for 2 weeks before the hearing
- Jonathan is working on setting up a bond meeting for the FD project and may submit another request from the Bond Counsel
- A robust discussion of concerns about the viability of the FD project and process

Changes to the budget

- Some changes were made but the overall budget is the same
- Revenue numbers are still coming in
- DPW plan changed to delay paving of gravel roads
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Thank you to Kris for her presentation to the selectboard on 12/22/2025

Bond Meeting on Monday 1/26/2026 at 6pm. The final Bond Hearing before town meeting is Monday 2/23/2026 at 6pm

Voting day is 3/10/2026 and Deliberative Session is 3/14/2026

Next BAC meeting is 1/28/2026 at 5pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:02pm