

Town of Allentown
Board of Selectmen
16 School Street
Allentown, NH 03275

August 31, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present –Kris Fowler, John Childs, Kathleen Pelissier, Trish Caruso, John Harrington

Remotely Participating: Diane Adinolfo, Attorney Nate Midolo

Kathleen: Looking for motion to allow Diane to participate remotely.
John C, motion, Trish second, all in favor.

Kathleen: Looking for a motion to go into non-public under 91-A:2, I (a)(b)
John C motion, Trish second, all in favor.

“Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present”.

Kathleen: Motion to seal minutes in accordance with 91-A, John C motion, Kris second, all in favor.

Kathleen: All right, so in this BOS... I know we didn't have anything else on our regular agenda, but I'm going to slip this in under other business real quick. The library would like to appoint you to that.

Trish: Should we be making a public statement about what, you know, we sealed that and that's what I can get at all.

John H: You're under the umbrella of negotiation, so when it's finally approved, then you can let everybody know what you've decided to do. All right, great. Thank you.

Kathleen: And as always, I believe you can... because an individual at any time is why you're not sharing non-public information. So these oaths of office are for the library.
One is for a library trustee, Jeff Lyons, and one is an alternate library trustee, Cassidy Spencer, and I kind of rushed these onto the agenda because I did not realize the BOS.

I thought the library could appoint their own, and we are struggling. We need people that can access our bank accounts, and I just couldn't wait until the next meeting. So I was hoping you guys wouldn't mind voting to approve these so that the library trustees could get the ball rolling with getting Jeff Lyons added to the bank account and Cassidy Spencer serving as an alternate so we can take care of business. All right, perfect. So can I do both of them in one motion?

John H: You can.

Kathleen: All right, I will entertain a motion to appoint Jeff Lyons as library trustee, term expiring. Well, it says April 1st, 2026.

John H: All of them are April.

Kathleen: Well, he's elected. It's going to be elected.

John H: Well, they always finish a term. They can't go farther than the next election.

Kathleen: Yeah, so the next election for the trustee is March, not April 1st. By then, Jeff might not win. Somebody else might win. It's to 27, actually. Yeah. But all of them are cycled to... The first of April.

Kathleen: But he's elected. So the election is going to happen in March. We'll just do another one. If he doesn't get elected, he's in. That's it. I think they both say 26. The alternate, I believe, can be April. If there's no conflict with April.

John H: But the year is both 26. It just needs to be 27.

Kathleen: Perfect. Thank you. And to appoint Cassidy Spencer as alternate library trustee, term expiring April 1st, 2027.

Trish: So moved.

John C: Second.

All in favor? Trish I., Trish I. John I. Diane. Diane. Diane. And Kathleen I.

Kathleen: All right, thank you guys. I'm going to pass this around for the board members who are present to sign. That's a long reach tonight.

John C: Are we in old business?

John H: Other business?

Kathleen: So we're still in other business. Does anybody else have other business?

And if there isn't any other business, then once that... We only have four. Okay. Once that is signed, we can adjourn the meeting. Wait till all the signatures are there. I'll get this up to you too. Well, I'll wait and put those in there again.

Kris: I do have one quick thing. Sure. I don't know if I can say it during this or if I should wait till our next Board meeting. At the school election on this past Tuesday, a couple of people came to me and asked why we do not have a Citizen of the Year Award to be given out to people that have gone above and beyond. And they would like the board of selectmen to consider creating a Citizen of the Year. And some folks have already brought forth some nominations for the first one.

Trish: I think this should be an agenda item in order to set parameters.

Kathleen: And I will say, in the past, and it hasn't always so much been a citizen of the year thing, but we've done like the Post Cane, which is age. But also the dedication of the town report has been a way to... that we've used to offer.

Kris: Yeah, and that's why I had asked these people that had brought it to me, but they said normally that that dedication is given to somebody who is deceased.

Kathleen: Not always. We've dedicated it to Claudette and Armand Verville. We've dedicated it to Roxy.

We dedicated it to Mark Boisvert when he retired from the town but came back. So it's kind of a balance, which does bring me, though, that I did want to propose dedicating this year's report. um to Jen Latendre who passed away and was our supervisor of the checklist so i didn't know i just we don't have to make that decision but i just wanted to plant that with the board members as we're

Trish: I put that off that it could be a posthumous you know uh dedication you know maybe having this as a separate thing each year would you know yeah we could have us yeah we could

John H: I'll add it to the 14th agenda okay of the night i mean you can bring it up again there

Kris: In the meantime I'll try to do some research on how other towns might be doing something similar to that i thought it was a great idea because there's so many residents um both private residents and business owners that have gone above and beyond to help out this community and i think they should be i think it would be nice to recognize them yeah do something positive yeah.

Kathleen: yeah absolutely

Trish: Is this something that we have to be discussing?

John H: That's just the updated one where we move the meeting dates for your refrigerator so you can follow the meetings along.

Kathleen: Perfect. All right. So on that note then, I will make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. John C, motion, Kris second. All in favor?

Trish, Kris I. John, I. Diane, I. Kathleen, I. We're free. Thank you all. I appreciate it.

These minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by
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