



Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
June 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andy Rawson, Matt Morrill, Karen Golab

Staff: Richard Krauss- Town Administrator, Brian Leclerc- Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Bill Walden- Director, DPW

Public: Larry Brown

Andy Rawson opened the public session at 6:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Andy Rawson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

1. Larry Brown- Number of public school students in NH; honorable Police Department officers.

Announcements and Community Calendar:

1. Please help protect our lakes and drinking water by cleaning up your yard and pet waste.
2. Milton Town Beach summer hours begin June 22nd. Gate house is not occupied daily until after that date. If you need assistance, please contact the Recreation Department at Town Hall.
3. The town has boards and committees looking for volunteers. The Planning Board is looking for 2 Alternate members; Capital Improvement Committee- 1 Alternate At-Large member; Milton Economic Development Committee- 5 At-Large members and 2 At-Large Alternate members. Please contact the Town Administrator if you are interested in volunteering for one of the Boards or Committees.

NEW Business – Discussion and Possible Actions:

1. **2026 Sewer Rate Increase Public Hearing:**

In accordance with RSA41:9-a, the Milton Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on

June 1, 2026 beginning at 6:00PM at the Milton Town Hall, 55 Industrial Way, Milton. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to the 2026 Milton sewer rates and fees. The proposed new rate fees can be viewed at the Milton Town Hall.

Mr. Morrill motioned to open the public hearing at 6:05PM. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Krauss- After reviewing the study, the Select Board decided to increase 2026 sewer rates as follows:

Volumetric charge for \$15.03 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption

Quarterly Fixed Charge:

5/8" pipe- \$32.32 per quarter

1" pipe- \$80.80 per quarter

1.5" pipe- \$161.60 per quarter

2" pipe- \$258.56 per quarter

For those with sewer and a private well with no meter will be sent a flat quarterly fee of \$326 per quarter (total yearly cost \$1,304.00).

Mr. Rawson asked for public comments.

Larry Brown stated he is not a sewer user. There have been ongoing issues for a long time including problems with the lagoon and keeping up with changing state/federal regulations. Federal assistance has dried up impacting small municipalities. Mr. Brown applauded the water district for trying to create a balanced payment system with limited resources.

Brian Leclerc- As a resident of Milton, he said he understands the need to fund the department. Rate increases of \$5.00/1,000 gallons is a huge jump. As the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, he sees how much monies have not been collected and what can be done to have residents pay their bills. For 2025-2026, behind by \$25,000 in sewer bill payments. Adding to that amount is \$15,000 in supplemental bills to total ~\$50,000 in uncollected revenues. This means we are asking the tax-payer and those who do pay their bills to fund those people who don't pay their bills.

Mr. Rawson said the sewer plant is in disarray – it is supposed to be self-funded. The Select Board chose the middle-of-the-road option.

Mr. Leclerc said the town can lien on the sewer; however this has minimal impact as people won't pay it until it goes to be deeded which takes 3 years.

Mr. Krauss said if we stay at the 75% amount of what is being collected allows us to zero balance the budget and make \$10,000 towards the capital items. The sewer rate study recommended doubling the rates.

Regarding collections, Mr. Krauss said these could be similar to the deeding notification process which is through certified mail, regular mail and then hand deliver. This process has been very successful.

Mr. Leclerc noted water/sewer bills will be sent by the end of the month. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will continue to work with the Select Board and Town Administrator.

Mr. Morrill motioned to close the public hearing at 6:25PM. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Ms. Golab motioned to set the new 2026 sewer rates as read, effective Quarter 4, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

2. **Lease Information for approved 2026 Warrant article 10 Lease/Purchase One Highway 6 Wheel Dump Truck:** Mr. Krauss said they received a quote from Municipal Leasing Credit Corporation, who provides the current lease. This is a ten-year lease for \$32,221/year and is under the \$35,000 amount set aside by the Warrant Article.

Mr. Walden said the company is reliable and has been good to work with. They expect delivery by September/October, guaranteed before snow.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve moving forward with Municipal Leasing Credit Corporation for a ten-year lease. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

3. **Update on Department of Public Works on materials received from crushing operation:** Mr. Walden said they received a lot of material from the crushing operation which should last ~2.5-3 years. Mr. Rawson said this is a huge win for the town. Mr. Walden said the end goal is to save money to put towards paving. Some roads are years behind and because the Warrant was voted down, this means we will miss this year as well.
4. **Board of Selectmen review and sign final Pay request of Dawson/Silver St Phase 2:** Mr. Krauss said he and Director Bill Walden met with NHDES, Jamco and Underwood for the final walk through. There are no outstanding items. Jamco has asked for the release of the retaining money in the amount of \$14,602.96 to close the escrow.

Mr. Morrill motioned to have the Chair sign the documentation and to release \$14,602.96. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

5. **Review and discuss Town Hall Energy Audit and Solar Feasibility Study:** Ms. Golab- We are still waiting for the Fire Department audit. The executive summary provided indicates five things to do with potential savings and areas on which to focus. Doors and air conditioners were identified as major issues. Ms. Golab recommended identifying those items we could

do. Eversource may offer 50% rebates, which could be used to install mini-splits. Mr. Rawson agreed the current air conditioners are not energy efficient.

Regarding the solar feasibility study, Ms. Golab said there is a possibility of generating energy especially at the Town Hall. Ms. Golab recommended this as a Warrant Article and see if residents are interested in moving forward.

Mr. Krauss will work with DPW regarding the energy audit and focus on low-cost items. He will also get quotes for installing mini-splits in the Town Hall.

6. **Scheduling of Public Hearing for requested PILOT agreement from Kearsarge Solar LLC:** Mr. Krauss said the Town Attorney was OK with the PILOT agreement and adding the 2% escalator. Kearsarge also agreed to the 2%. The next step is to hold a public hearing. He recommended scheduling the hearing at the next Select Board meeting on June 22nd (rescheduled from June 15th).
7. **Board of Selectmen By-laws update:** Mr. Krauss said he incorporated changes to the code of conduct section along with other changes.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve the amendment to the Board of Selectmen By-laws. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

8. **Approval of Supplemental Sewer Bills for 2025 Quarter 4:** Mr. Krauss said in Quarter 4 of 2025, there was a system error that loaded Quarter 3's data instead of Quarter 4 data. This meant the Quarter 4 billing sent out was the exact same usages as Quarter 3. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector has submitted an abatement to abate Quarter 4 billing, and request to send out the supplemental bills to recover funds from Quarter 4 for actual usage.

Mr. Leclerc said they thought this issue had been corrected when Quarter 1, 2026 bills were sent. However, usage charges were not included in the statements which meant users were charged their flat rates, but not their usage. Therefore we have to create a supplemental bill to charge them for the flat rate and usage in Quarter 4, along with their Quarter 1 usage. We have created 270 supplemental bills, combining water and sewer, usage and flat rate for Quarter 4, 2025 and Quarter 1, 2026 to come up with the total sewer bill. The Water Department created an explanation of what happened which will be included in the bill.

Motion to approve the abatement of the overages for Quarter 4, 2025 that were corrected.

EVENT PERMITS:

1. 4th of July Parade: Mr. Krauss said he will talk to the Recreation Department about the parade. While this had been spearheaded by the Library, he recommended having Recreation take

over the event and have it a town event, especially for this year. Over the past three years, there has been a huge increase in participation. Mr. Rawson said he was OK with Recreation, if the Library is not going to do so anymore. Mr. Krauss said all departments will be involved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve the event permit. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

2. Old Home Day- New Hampshire Farm Museum: Mr. Krauss said the event "Discover Your Milton Roots" is scheduled for August 15th from 10-4:00PM. They anticipate ~300 in attendance.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve the event permit. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Winding Road Bridge:**
- B. **Long Term Goal – update Town Website to improve functionality:** Update- should be live by end of June, 2026
- C. **Work on Insurance Buy-Out (12/16/2024):**
- D. **Beach Gates December Opening for Winter usage of property to follow snowmobile club plans.**
- E. **SolSmart Feasibility Report- Future review and plan creation.**
- F. **Energy Audit for Town Hall and Fire Station:** Onsite reviews completed, report pending.
- G. **Dawson Street Traffic Study- Update May 4, 2026:**

Communications Received:

1. None.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board:

1. None.

Approval of Minutes:

Public Minutes:

May 18, 2026 Selectmen Meeting – Ms. Golab motioned to accept **5/18/2026** meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor. The motion was accepted.

Public Comments Relative to Topics Previously Discussed:

Larry Brown- Despair and optimism. Times past of Milton Mills- July 4th – a great town.

Expenditure Report:

Mr. Krauss said current expenditures are at 30%; doing good.

Town Administrator:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be June 22, 2026 at 6:00PM.

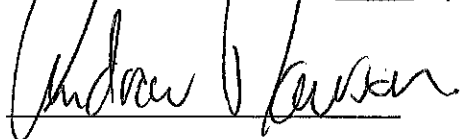
Selectmen Comments:

1. Karen Golab- Glenn Bailey did reach out to the Town Administrator. He may attend the July meeting. Mr. Krauss said he told Mr. Bailey the board was interested in getting information about bills that have been passed and what the impacts may be to the community.
2. Andy Rawson- Reminder School is out for the summer on June 22nd. A big shout out to the Police Department – this has been a rough week. Thanks to them for keeping us all safe. A shout out to all town employees – they are all very much appreciated.

Adjournment:

Ms. Golab motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed. The public meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

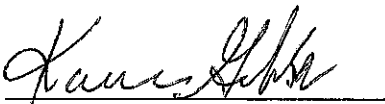
Given under our hands this _____ day of June, 2026.



Andy Rawson – Chairman BOS



Matt Morrill - Board Member



Karen Golab- Board Member

END OF MINUTES – June 1, 2026