



Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
May 4, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andy Rawson, Matt Morrill, Karen Golab

Staff: Richard Krauss- Town Administrator, Chief Tom Hebert- Milton Police Department, Karen Brown- Recreation Director, Fire Department Reps

Public: Humphrey Williams

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. Humphrey Williams: Mr. Williams read a letter he sent to Governor Ayotte requesting the veto of House Bill 1575 which transfers legal responsibilities for establishing town and school district default budgets from the elected boards to budget committees. Mr. Williams said he believes this will not only increase the onus on a budget committee, but will lead to increases in legal fees and the number of meetings. He recommended the Select Board also send a letter to Governor Ayotte. Mr. Rawson agreed and said it's already hard to find people who are willing to sit on a committee. Budget committee members are all volunteers and receive no pay.

Announcements and Community Calendar:

1. Please help protect our lakes and drinking water by cleaning up your yard and pet waste.
2. Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 25, 2026 in downtown on White Mountain Highway- Expect delays and detours.

NEW Business – Discussion and Possible Actions:

1. **Department Head Reports:**

Police Department- Chief Tom Hebert: In April, the department responded to 1,221 calls.

They continue to see an increase in the number of mental health related calls.

Drug Takeback Day was very successful. A reminder to residents there is a bin in the PD lobby to drop off prescription medications.

There have been calls related to transient activity. Residents should call the department if they see any suspicious activity.

There are still unregistered dogs. Owners can expect a letter from the department if they have not registered their dog.

The department is now fully staffed as two new officers have been hired. Both will be going to the academy.

They will be participating in the upcoming 250th celebration at the Farm Museum.

Recreation- Karen Brown:

Camp3Ponds- Registration is done. Staff training dates are June 17 & 18 and will include CPR training, safety, etc.

Kid's Night Out- May 15th from 5:30-8:30PM at the Town Beach (weather permitting).

Summer Kickoff is June 20th- they are still looking for local vendors to participate. There will be a Chili championship along with live animal show, face painting, DJ, and other activities.

Senior Bingo is currently on hold for now.

Yoga and other fitness activities continue – a reminder these are all free.

Martial Arts classes continue on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

2. **Sign copier contract for Police Department:** Chief Hebert said the current fax machine is not working properly; they are unable to send faxes from the machine. There are two options for lease renewal: one option costs \$243/month and the second option is \$280/month. Mr. Krauss said option #1 provides better security and technology with encryption capabilities.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve the lease of a Hiroshi Fax Machine at the Police Department of \$243/month for 63 months. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve Chief Tom Hebert signing the lease contract. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

3. **Taser VR Training Tool demo for Board:** Chief Tom Hebert explained the new tasers are paid through the 2023 approved warrant. It is bundled with body cameras to help reduce the cost. To maintain proficiency, during yearly taser training requires an officer to fire 7 live darts. Each dart costs \$75. Annual training for all officers costs ~\$4,200 each year. Tasers are not going away; they help save civilian and officer's lives.

Mr. Krauss said Taser 10 includes licensing, equipment and unlimited storage. The VR training provides many different scenarios for each officer to go through. This will be added to the remaining 40 months of the current contract with the body cameras. This will come from the Taser CRF (\$3,489.74) and the rest from the PD's operating budget. The community relations

aspect allows people to experience what officers training is like.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve Chief Hebert signing the contract with Taser for the VR training for 40 months, and to expend \$3,489.74 from the 2022 Police Taser CRF and request Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund once it's expended. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

4. **Petition and Pole License review and approval:** Mr. Krauss said Eversource wants to put a replacement pole located on the northbound ramp on the Spaulding Turnpike.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve the petition and pole license from Eversource. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

5. **Motion to sign vouchers for Trustees of Trust Fund:**

Ms. Golab motioned to request the Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund from the 1998 Daniel and Geneva Lockhart fund in the amount of \$2,400 to pay for the completed Lockhart Field AUR Survey and have Chairman Rawson sign. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to request the Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund from the 2022 Public Safety Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$29,000 to pay for the purchase of portable police radios and for Chairman Rawson to sign. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to request the Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund from the 2023 Invasive Plants Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$7,835.75 for European Nyad Management and for Chairman Rawson to sign. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to request the Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund from the 2014 Police Department Computer and Radio Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$800 to pay for the setup of Police Department computers purchased in December and for Chairman Rawson to sign. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to request the Trustees of the Trust Fund reimburse the general fund from the 2017 Technology Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$21,264.50 for the purchase of new MDTs and computers at the Police Department and for Chairman Rawson to sign. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

6. **Re-vote on HEB Agreement for final Planning Phase of Winding Bridge:** Mr. Krauss said at the April 6th meeting the Board voted to have it expended out of the Bridges CRF. Reviewing

information from the Trustees of the Trust Fund indicated the money had been transferred over yet. The \$116,000 is still sitting in the CRF.

Ms. Golab motioned to take the money from the one-time bridge payment from the state to fund the final engineering study for Milton 44310X-A005. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

7. **2026 Sewer Rate Change Second Review:** Mr. Krauss said the Board previously voted to stay with the 80/20 as recommended by the survey. Now the Board needs to decide how revenues should be broken down and how to bring it in. Currently it's brought in at the 80/20 rate (80% volumetric and 20% flat fee).

Mr. Rawson said it's important to think through this very carefully – we need people to be able to afford to pay their bills.

Mr. Krauss recommended staying at the 80/20 rate and noted we are currently only collecting around 76%. This does allow covering the budget and some of the capital costs. It's important to get to the 100% collection rate so the town does not have to cut into the Sewer CRF. The Select Board was in agreement with the 80/20 rate. Mr. Krauss said he would get all documents ready to prepare for the required public hearing.

8. **Open Sealed Bids for Fire Department Driveway Sealing:**

Mr. Krauss said just one bid was received from Three Ponds Seal Coating for \$6,371.

Mr. Morrill motioned to accept the quote from Three Ponds Seal Coating in the amount of \$6,371 to seal the Fire Department driveway. Seconded by Ms. Golab. Mr. Rawson abstained. The motion was approved.

9. **Review and accept Employee Evaluation Form:**

Mr. Krauss said the current employee evaluation form is very cookie-cutter and does not provide in-depth information. The new form will provide more categories and allow department heads to speak to their employees with increased substance.

Ms. Golab said she does have some concerns as some of the new categories seem subjective. Mr. Rawson said the school's evaluation form is even more in-depth. He recommended using the new form for the upcoming year and then re-evaluate. He suggested adding a self-evaluation form for employees to complete. Mr. Krauss advised he would create a self-evaluation form.

10. Review Charge Documents for Economic Development Committee and Citizens Committee:

Ms. Golab said the EDC Charge Document recommends five members with two alternates and includes the Town Administrator and Town Planner. Ms. Golab said she has heard from many residents who expressed interest in ways to get involved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to move forward to re-establish the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Citizens Committee: Mr. Rawson said it's important a committee not be for complaints or negativity. Mr. Morrill agreed but recommended this be added to next year's ballot to see if there is interest.

Mr. Morrill motioned to place establishing a Citizens Committee on next year's Warrant. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

11. Creation of Activities Committee, Request report from State Representatives 2x per year to BOS, Christmas Tree Farm conversation- Selectman Golab:

Activities Committee- Ms. Golab said this committee would help Karen Brown and Recreation Commission with planning town activities. Mr. Krauss recommended this as an advisory committee to Recreation and could serve as liaison with residents. The Recreation Commission should vote on whether to have an Activities Committee.

State Reps attendance at BOS meetings- Ms. Golab recommended asking the three State Reps to attend meetings at least twice per year to give updates and information on what's happening. Mr. Rawson said Glenn Bailey used to come in.

Christmas Tree Farm- Ms. Golab said she liked the original idea when first suggested by Mr. Morrill. She has talked to Virginia Long regarding conservation lands. Mr. Rawson said he also thought this was a good idea. He recommended continued discussions with MCC and any potential good properties to focus on.

EVENT PERMITS:

1. None.

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: Update- Onsite reviews completed, report pending.

G. Dawson Street Traffic Study- Update May 4, 2026:

Traffic study update: Speed Trailer southbound (4/8-4/16)-During that time period, 3,890 cars went through the intersection; Average speed ~27 MPH (52 cars going over 35MPH)

Northbound (4/17-4/27)- During that time period, 9,729 cars went through the intersection. Average speeds showed lower rates of speed, not higher. It does indicate this is more of a volume issue on Dawson vs. a speeding issue. It also does not seem like it's being used as a cut-through; there are heavier traffic loads specifically during school times.

Mr. Krauss said there are no quick fixes to this. There are parking issues as the road is not wide enough to park on the side. He will work with DPW and Police Department to get a report for review.

Communications Received:

1. None.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board:

1. Mr. Rawson requested a review of the BOS bylaws. Mr. Krauss said this will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Public Minutes:

April 20, 2026 Selectmen Meeting – Ms. Golab motioned to accept **4/20/2026** meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rawson. Mr. Morrill abstained. The motion was accepted.

Public Comments Relative to Topics Previously Discussed:

There were no public comments.

Expenditure Report:

Mr. Krauss said at April's Budget Committee meeting, members questioned why some of the line-items in the Fire Department's budget are already over-expended? For example, Building Maintenance is 203% spent for the year. They have had several issues and had to make multiple purchases. The Fire Department is currently on pace to over spend the part-time line; they have not done the first quarter buy-down yet.

Town Administrator:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be May 18, 2026 at 6:00PM.
2. The MS-232 is complete and ready for the Select Board to sign. This is used for the DRA and tax setting.

3. The Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on May 26th at 6:00PM for the Water District's budget.
4. The ZBA's May meeting will be held in the other meeting room due to the anticipated large turnout.

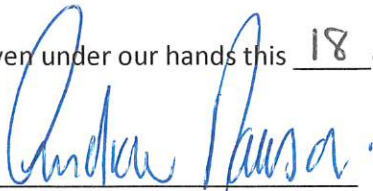
Selectmen Comments:

1. Mr. Morrill- Condolences to the Elder family for their recent loss.

Adjournment:

Mr. Morrill motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Ms. Golab seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed. The public meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Given under our hands this 18 day of May, 2026.



Andy Rawson – Chairman BOS



Matt Morrill - Board Member



Karen Golab- Board Member

END OF MINUTES – May 4, 2026