

County of Carroll
Hale's Location Selectmen's Meeting
Carroll County Annex
January 30, 2026

Select Board Present: Chairman Chuck McGee, Vice-Chair Harold B. Parker, Selectman Gene Chandler,

MOTION: To approve the December Jan 5th meeting minutes. by Comm'r McGee, 2nd Comm'r Parker.
Passed 3-0

MOTION: To approve check #2775 in the amount of \$7,294.995 to Carroll County for 4th qtr. 2025 salaries & QuickBooks. And check #2776 in the amount of \$6.00 to Registry of Deeds. by Comm'r McGee, 2nd by Comm'r Parker. Passed 3-0

MOTION: To approve agreement with Town of Conway for motor vehicle registrations by Comm'r Chandler, 2nd Comm'r Parker. Passed 3-0

Public Hearing: Hale's Location Budget

The commissioners open the public hearing at 9:31 AM. Denise Leighton, tax collector, and a resident/treasurer from the association attend. Leighton asks procedural questions: hearing is for public input on proposed budget, commissioners can pass it today then send to county delegation for final approval (town meeting equivalent). Questions on separating business administration/selectmen salaries (\$3,000 each for school and municipal, not duplicates); shifting duties from tax collector to county finance office for separation of duties/checks and balances (e.g., DOE-25 form). Concerns raised about halving tax collector salary potentially leading to resignation and difficulty finding replacement, while maintaining Friday office hours. Requests copy of recent revaluation showing old/new values per property (not accessible via assessing software but can be obtained). Elections line of \$10,000 is a placeholder for costs like laptop for checklist, paying election workers for three elections; no support yet from Secretary of State's office. New adequacy aid law reduces aid from ~\$100K to ~\$13K, creating negative tax rate historically. Requests student list tying to \$175K tuition (showing 6 at Fryeburg, 2 at Conway for \$146,954; buffer for potential extra student). Leighton expresses feeling mistreated by the salary cut, questioning why she can't continue some duties after 5 years. Commissioners cite efficiency, suggest addressing in non-public. Discussion on undesignated fund balance at \$291,121 (71.19%, above 5-17% recommendation); suggest budgeting actual tuition (\$146,954 + increases), retaining \$50-75K in capital reserve for unexpected tuition, \$25K in fund balance for flexibility (more than trust for other emergencies, but risks spending before needs); will compare options before next meeting. Propose \$4,000 for 2026 audit/review (last in 2020 by Batchelder; Vachon Clukay contacted for addition to county audit). No further public comment.

Motion to approve the Hale's Location budget: town \$183,061; school \$190,745; revenues \$88,635 by Comm'r McGee, 2nd Comm'r Parker. Passed 3-0

Motion by Comm'r Chandler, to enter non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for public employee matters; 2nd Comm'r Parker. Roll call vote. Passed 3-0 Recess to non-public room at 9:59 AM,

The Commissioners come out of non-public at 10:28 AM

Motion to seal non-public minutes by Comm'r Chandler under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, 2nd by Comm'r Parker. Passed 3-0

The commissioners exit Hale's Location and resume the regular meeting at 10:30 AM.

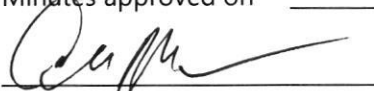
The commissioners recess back into Hale's Location at 10:35

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Hale's Location tax collection and administrative duty separations policy, delineating tax collector vs. administrative assistant responsibilities by Comm Chandler, 2nd by Comm'r McGee. Passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on

2/23/26



Selectman Chuck McGee

Selectman Harold B. Parker



Selectman Gene Chandler