

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES September 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. Present were Jay Croteau, Steve Goldsmith and Ron Profaizer.

Rachel and Dillion Simmpkins brought a nuisance concern to the Select Board regarding an abutting property. The Select Board will begin an investigation into the matter.

Meg Welnak came in as a follow-up to an email the Select Board sent regarding a notification they received from the NH Liquor Commission regarding an application for a Limited Special Liquor License for her cut flower business Moonwood Flower Farm LLC. Meg was going to provide an update after the NHLC interview that was scheduled for 9/15/2026. In addition, the Select Board was going to reach out to the Planning Board to confirm their decision that the LLC was being zoned under a Cottage Industry.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of The Tree Agent LLC appeal. Bruce Smith shared that he had researched the appeal with the Housing Appeals Board and found that a prehearing was scheduled for September 17, 2026, at 10 am.

Jay Croteau made a motion not to proceed with the installation of an air conditioning system in the Town Hall at this time due to budget concerns. Steve Goldsmith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ron Profaizer made a motion to approve the funding to fully update the Town's website at an estimated cost of \$2,500. Jay Croteau seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jay Croteau made a motion to approve the funding and the implementation of the Buddy Punch electronic timecard system at a cost of approximately \$325 per year. Steve Goldsmith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ron Profaizer made a motion not to move forward with the Neumo Payment platform at this time, based on its cost-benefit analysis. Jay Croteau seconded the motion. All in favor.

The final paving project of the year on Old Walpole is scheduled to begin on September 19, with the grinding and the paving to begin shortly thereafter. Ron Profaizer will get a posting on the website.

The upgrading of the Town properties' internet and phone system will begin in September. The exact start date is not known at this time.

Ron Profaizer was in contact with the NH Department of Business (BEA) to follow up on whether there were any updates on the NH high-speed internet project that was started and then stalled. C. Miller from BEA researched the inquiry and was able to confirm that the project was still moving forward as the required funds were freed up. She checked with one of the internet providers, Fidum, and they will be moving forward sometime in the 2027/2028 timeframe with offering high-speed internet to 58 unserved or underserved residences in Surry.

Steve Goldsmith reported that there was mice activity at the Town Hall. He is taking action to remediate the problem.

Steve Goldsmith is planning to replace the light switch that controls the porch light with one better suited to control the new motion-activated lights.

There was a discussion regarding the need for more lighting in the parking lot and the possibility of installing some cameras at the Town Hall to address safety concerns. No decision or action at this time.

The Select Board reviewed and approved a draft of a letter regarding a potentially oversized ADU.

The Select Board reviewed a draft of an updated Town Hall Facility Use agreement. Ron Profaizer will update the draft based on that discussion.

The Select Board sent an email to M. Matthews regarding a question he had about a property for sale in town.

John Davis was reappointed to the Ashuelot River LAC for a 3-year term.

The town's Health Officer sent a follow-up letter regarding a failed septic system.

A new building permit application was received for T & L Carsten after the cutoff for this week's meeting agenda. Application review will take place next week.

The selectmen signed payroll.

Steve Goldsmith motioned to adjourn. Ron Profaizer seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Submitted R Profaizer