



Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
July 20, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andy Rawson, Matt Morrill, Karen Golab

Staff: Richard Krauss- Town Administrator

Public: Larry Brown, Deb McCormack, Tom Gaulin, Sandy Woods, Mr. Woods, Mr. LaPlante, Mark McClintic

Andy Rawson opened the public session at 6:05PM.

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

Public Comment:

1. Larry Brown- Word of the day is disingenuous; ICE funding.
2. Mr. Laplante- Resident on Town House Road asked if testing is done on the waters in front of the Town Beach? Mr. Rawson- Yes, testing is done a few times over the summer months.

Announcements and Community Calendar:

1. Please help protect our lakes and drinking water by cleaning up your yard and pet waste.
2. The Town has a couple of boards and committees looking for volunteers. The Planning Board is currently looking for 2 Alternate members; Capital Improvement Committee is looking for 1 Alternate At-Large member. Please contact the Town Administrator if you are interested in volunteering for one of these Boards or Committees.

NEW Business – Discussion and Possible Actions:

1. **Map 23 Lot 78 Request to meet with the Board of Selectmen to waive interest on owed taxes on property:** Mark McClintic said he had asked to speak during a non-public meeting. Mr. Rawson said this type of matter does not fall under non-public. Mr. McClintic said he is requesting leniency only on the interest as he did not realize he

missed a tax payment in 2024. He did not know this until the town notified him on March 24, 2026 that there was a lien on his property. Because of this, he said he owed ~\$1,000 in fees. He has paid the principle on that specific tax bill.

Ms. Golab asked if he received any notice in 2025? Mr. McClintic said there was no notification until March of 2026. Mr. Rawson asked if he was current on taxes? Mr. McClintic said he just paid for the overdue bill from 2024 and in a few weeks he will be able to pay the current taxes. Ms. Golab questioned if there have been any prior issues? Mr. McClintic said he has lived in Milton for 21 years and has never had any issue. Mr. Morrill recommended waiting until he is current before making a decision. Mr. Rawson agreed if he becomes current, he would approve waiving the interest owed.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve waiving the interest owed once he is current with the taxes. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

2. **BUILD Grant application update:** Mr. Krauss said he was just informed from Office of Information through USDOT, we were not selected as one of the 127 projects for next year. This was for the Winding Road Bridge project. Ms. Golab said out of the 127 projects selected, not one of them is located in New Hampshire, even though there are several states that had multiple projects selected.
3. **Update on Police Boat Motor:** Mr. Krauss said Chief Hebert will move forward with Eastern Boats. He did contact Dover Marine which was \$1,000 cheaper. However, he selected Eastern due to the ongoing relationship with them; they are located in Milton and they do not charge for summer or winter prep. The total cost to remove the old motor and purchase the Honda VF90 motor will be \$14,614. Mr. Krauss said the Police Boat is used by both Police and Fire to respond to emergencies. This will be a Net-60 invoice which will allow time to determine what budget line to use.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve \$14,614 for the purchase of Police Boat motor. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

4. **Follow-up- Request to Purchase new Compactor and Containers for the Transfer Station – Director Walden:** Mr. Krauss- Bill Walden received two quotes and recommended the purchase of a 2YD Stationary Compactor from Plum Creek Environmental for \$31,068. Turn-around time is 4-6 weeks and comes with a 3-year structural/2-year parts/1-year labor warranty. The second quote was from Atlantic Recycling for \$34,068.

He also received 3 quotes for 40-Yard Roll-Off Container replacements.

Atlantic Recycling- 2 for \$18,900 (\$9,450 each)

Plum Creek – 2 for \$17,900 (\$8,960 each)

Riddle Container – 3 for \$19,500 (\$6,500 each)

Mr. Walden recommended Riddle Container. The price per container is cheaper and they have the shortest turn-around time. Ms. Golab asked if Mr. Walden is able to see the product before purchase as it's important to ensure the quality.

Mr. Rawson motioned to approve \$50,568 for the purchase of a 2YD Stationary Compactor from Plum Creek Environmental and 40 Yard Roll Off Containers through Riddle Container, providing Bill Walden ensures the quality of the container prior to purchase. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

5. **Approval of Lease documents for DPW Six Wheel Dump Truck:** Mr. Krauss- Because the bank has requested additional documents, there is nothing to discuss.

6. **Assessing- Review Tax Abatement Requests:**

- a) Map 33 Lot 170- Mr. Krauss said this had been assessed and in the system as a single-family dwelling. It is a condo with two units. An abatement credit is required so the former owners do not get billed for both units.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve the abatement credit for Map 33 Lot 170 in the amount of \$3,904. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

7. **Approval of supplemental tax bills:**

- a) Map 33 Lot 170 Unit A
b) Map 33 Lot 170 Unit B

Mr. Krauss- Related to the above assessing error, the supplemental tax bills need approval to be sent out and collected.

Ms. Golab motioned to approve the property tax supplement warrant for Map 33 Lot 170 Unit A and Map 33 Lot 170 Unit B in the amount of \$3,904. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

8. **Budget process update for 2027:** Mr. Krauss- To prepare for upcoming budget season, he is asking all department heads to submit their budgets by August 24th. He will asked the Budget Committee Chair if they want to hold the presentation meeting on September 17th. This is the same process as in previous years and has worked well.

9. **Update on recent signed laws:**

- a) **HB340-** New wording changes the law on how budgets are set. The official budget committee will now set the default budget for both the town and school, effective this year. Mr. Krauss will work with the budget committee to ensure all legal standards are

met when setting the default budget. Mr. Rawson- This adds a lot of responsibility to budget committee members who are all volunteers.

- b) **HB1575-** This law impacts an employee's ability to answer questions from residents about warrant articles or budgetary items. Wording changes indicate an employee could be charged with electioneering when providing factual information to a resident. Employees will be informed when a resident has questions, direct them to the town website for information. Mr. Rawson said the majority of employees are also town residents. Mr. Krauss said this is only in effect when an employee is 'on the clock.' When they are 'off the clock' they are free to say any thing they want.

EVENT PERMITS:

1. Milton Historical Society Request to use Selectmen Chambers:

Sandy Woods- We are trying to give back to the community. Through the NH Humanities, will have a guest lecturer on September 11th. They would like to use the Select Board Chamber or another room at the Town Hall. Time would be 5-8:00PM. They will also have a second guest on October 16th. This is a great opportunity for the Historical Society and the town as it will be advertised on the NH Humanities website. Ms. Woods said they are requesting the fee be waived for both.

Ms. Golab motioned to allow the Milton Historical Society to use a room at Town Hall on September 11 and October 16, 2026, from 5-8:00PM. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to approve waiving the fee for both dates. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Milton Historical Society- Time Capsule: Deb McCormack said she is working on a project for a time capsule for the upcoming celebration on August 15th. It is a chest to be opened in 50 years' time. They thought the Town Hall would be a great place to display the chest. They have a volunteer who would build a glass case to enclose the chest. They would like a shelf built at Town Hall for display. Their request is to allow the chest displayed for 50 years and a display shelf built.

Mr. Krauss said he will talk with the Fire Chief to ensure there are no issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Winding Road Bridge:** Discussed under New Business- Item #2.
- B. **Long Term Goal – update Town Website to improve functionality:** Update- hoping for August date.
- 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.** Will be put to Warrant Article in 2027.
- F. **Dawson Street Traffic Study- Update May 4, 2026:** Mr. Krauss will talk to the Police Chief to have the speed trailers put back in the same locations to do comparisons to earlier traffic study. No movement until Dawson Street Phase 3 is determined.

Communications Received:

- 1. Rescheduled Grand Opening of Jones Brook Park plus Guided Wetlands Walk led by Naturalist/author Tom Eid, Saturday, July 25, 10-12Noon (rain date July 26).
- 2. Milton Conservation Commission and Three Ponds Protective Association will have a booth at the Woods, Water & Wildlife Festival on Saturday, August 8 from 10-3PM at Branch Hill Farm 307 Applebee Rd, Milton Mills.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board:

- 1. Aerator update- Mr. Krauss said they will determine how much is available in the Revolving Accounts and then come to the Select Board. He noted \$130,000 is a low-cost fix.

Approval of Minutes:

Public Minutes:

July 6, 2026 Selectmen Meeting – Mr. Morrill motioned to accept **7/6/2026** meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor. The motion was accepted.

Public Comments Relative to Topics Previously Discussed:

Larry Brown- How did the current state reps voted on the two bills previously discussed? The Budget Committee does not have the experience needed to set a default budget.

Expenditure Report: Mr. Krauss- Expenditures remain consistent.

Town Administrator:

- 1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be August 10, 2026 at 6:00PM.

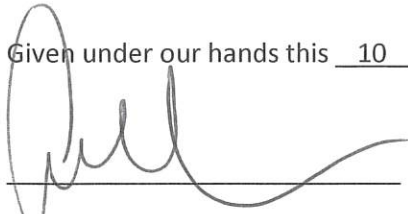
Selectmen Comments:

- 1. There were no Selectmen comments

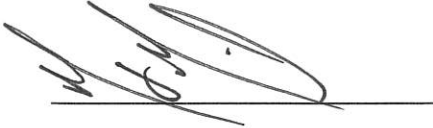
Adjournment:

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 7:15PM.

Given under our hands this 10 day of August, 2026.

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Andy Rawson – Chairman BOS

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Matt Morrill - Board Member

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Karen Golab- Board Member

END OF MINUTES – July 20, 2026