

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Friday, August 21, 2026, 8:30am

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Susan Ossoff (SO), Mark Avery (MA) Tim Burt (TB)

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum, Administrator (EF), Deb Ahlstrom, Treasurer, (DA); Branden Talon from Talco Enterprises

CORRESPONDENCE: On a letter from NH DES regarding Dover's application to renew a large groundwater withdrawal permit, the Water Resources Board will be asked to review both the renewal application and DES's response letter. One of the subject wells is in Madbury.

SIGN: payroll

TB moved and MA seconded a motion to sign two Intents to Excavate (Map 3-25 and 3-26) for Pike Industries. Motion passed, 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM: None in attendance

MINUTES: MA moved and TB seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 11 and 13, 2026 as amended. Motion passed, 3-0.

GUESTS: Branden Talon from Talco Enterprises came before the Select Board to discuss and sign a snow removal. TB moved and MA seconded a motion to enter into a snow removal contract with Talco Enterprises for 2027-2030 extendable to 2031 as presented. Motion passed, 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- TB moved and MA seconded a motion to authorize the Chair to sign contracts performed by or managed by Right-Way Handyman Services after Board approval of proposals. Motion passed, 3-0.
- There was a discussion on the recent work performed by Right-Way Handyman Services to preplace a leaking water heater in the Town Hall kitchen. TB moved and MA seconded to authorize any member of the Select Board to approve emergency work at Town facilities up to \$2,000. Motion passed, 3-0.
- There was a discussion on providing AEDs, cabinets, first aid kits, and associated signs for Town buildings. TB described his purchase recommendations. MA moved and TB seconded a motion to authorize up to \$15,000 for AED's, first aid kits and accessories and authorized EF to purchase on approval of a Wentworth Family Trust Grant by Bar Harbor Trust. Motion passed, 3-0.
- SO reported on ORYA's expenses for hosting the Noreast Soccer Academy at Tibbets Field. The Select Board reaffirmed its decision to charge ORYA \$1,500. Article 1.1 (g) of the lease agreement describes subletting requirements.

BOARD and DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- Buildings
 - SO reported that the repairs to the Safety Complex roof were complete.
 - SO authorized an additional \$300 to continue inspecting termite damage at the Safety Complex. EF will contact Primex on coverage.
 - A decision on crack sealing masonry at the Safety Complex will await a consultant's recommendation.
 - Annual pumping of Town building septic systems has been accomplished without any reports of concerns. The Old Fire Station has a 2,000 gallon sealed tank.
 - The leaking water heater at town hall has been replaced.
 - There was continued discussion about the replacement of the Library walkway lights and how they integrate with the parking lot lighting.
 - There was a discussion on providing hot water at the Old Fire Station.
- Grounds
 - Work continues on drainage improvements at the Safety Complex. MA moved and TB seconded a motion to authorize up to \$3,000 for drainage work in the front of the Safety Complex. Motion passed, 3-0.
 - SO reported that it would cost \$438 for poison ivy treatment at several locations and Japanese Knotweed spraying at the Safety Complex. Jon Bromley will approve that expenditure.
 - The Road Agent will assist the Recreation Commission's work at Tibbetts Field with materials and time attributed to appropriate budget accounts.
 - There was a short review of the grounds budget for fall work.
- A quote from the Road Agent for a mini excavator was noted.

Other

- CMA will be responding to NH DOT's request for some additional analysis comparing the engineer's costs estimates and the winning bid costs.

Meeting ended at 1:20am.

Submitted by: Eric Fegenbaum

Approved: 8-27-2026