



Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
June 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andy Rawson, Matt Morrill, Karen Golab

Staff: Richard Krauss- Town Administrator, Brian Leclerc- Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Chief Nick Marique- Milton Fire Department

Public: Larry Brown

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. Larry Brown- History of de-institutionalization in New York.

Announcements and Community Calendar:

1. Please help protect our lakes and drinking water by cleaning up your yard and pet waste.
2. Milton Town Beach summer hours begin June 22nd. Gate house is not occupied daily until after that date. If you need assistance, please contact the Recreation Department at Town Hall.
3. The town has boards and committees looking for volunteers. The Planning Board is looking for 2 Alternate members; Capital Improvement Committee- 1 Alternate At-Large member; Milton Economic Development Committee- 5 At-Large members and 2 At-Large Alternate members. Please contact the Town Administrator if you are interested in volunteering for one of the Boards or Committees.
4. July 4th parade – Milton Mills. Parade begins at 10AM. Expect road closures and detours.

NEW Business – Discussion and Possible Actions:

1. **Public Hearing for Proposed PILOT Agreement between Kearsarge Energy and Town of Milton:** Mr. Rawson motioned to open the public hearing at 6:08PM. Seconded by Ms. Golab.

All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Krauss- The PILOT agreement is available at the Town Hall if any resident would like to review. This is only for the solar equipment on top of the land; the property owner will still pay taxes on the land. Kearsarge did agree to the 2% yearly escalator on the 20-year agreement.

Public Comments: Larry Brown- Questions about decommissioning, etc. and what can be stipulated in the contract. The more solar generated the better.

Mr. Morrill motioned to close the public hearing at 6:15PM. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrill motioned to accept the PILOT agreement and designated the Town Administrator as the signer. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

2. **Motion to formally accept sewer abatements:**

Mr. Morrill motioned to accept the disposition of the sewer application of \$14,778.89 for the fourth quarter billing overage issues. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

3. **Primex Return of Surplus notifications:** Mr. Krauss said Primex sent two notifications. For unemployment compensation the return amount is \$73.00 and for worker's compensation \$6,518.00. He asked if the board wanted to accept as refund check or keep as account credit.

Mr. Morrill motioned to leave both as a credit. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

4. **Sewer Department Update for Board of Selectmen:** Mr. Krauss provided information on the lagoon master sludge activation aerator. He and Jason Forbes continue to do research on this and did talk with the CIP committee; they believe this could work well at the facility and potential that within five-years could get rid of the sludge in the ponds. They would then be able to drain the ponds to fix issues. The cost is \$25,000 per device; two would be required.

5. **Review Energy Audit for Fire Station:** Ms. Golab said the report offered several recommendations. The cost for improvements would be \$13,830 with an annual savings of \$1,700. Suggestions included weather stripping doors, sealing walls and upgrading ceiling insulation. Chief Marique said he would review the information again.

Ms. Golab said she heard from New Hampshire Saves regarding weatherization and heat pumps. This could help the town save money for these endeavors. There may be other things

that can be done in-house.

Mr. Krauss said he did speak with DPW about possibly installing the mini-splits at the Town Hall. They still need to determine how many condensers would be needed. He will talk to some vendors to get cost information to bring back to the board.

6. **Follow-up on Conversation with Milton Conservation Commission about possible Christmas Tree Farm – Selectmen Golab:** Ms. Golab said she did speak with Milton Conservation Commission who were all excited. They all agreed, there were a lot of challenges. MCC did not believe there is any conservation land where the topography would be good for a tree farm. They also looked at town-owned properties. A Christmas tree farm would be a lot of work, and MCC would not be able to do this. Mr. Krauss said the original concept was really similar to what is done in the White Mountains rather than owning/running a Christmas tree farm. He also agreed there is currently no manpower/ability for the town to do this.
7. **Proposed Appointed Fire Chief Job Description:** Mr. Krauss said he is working with the Fire Department on developing the job description. Ms. Golab asked if this will be a full-time or a part-time position. Mr. Krauss said this will be included in budget discussions. The board will have to decide on full-time vs. part-time and if included as one of the already existing positions. Another option is to keep as appointment part-time position and use existing salary. Ms. Golab said this is a money issue. Mr. Morrill said if one of the current full-time employees applied for the position and was hired, this would not change the budget.

Chief Marique said he will continue to ask for a full-time position as the need will not be going away. He recommended the Chief position remain more of a front-line support position.

8. **Dog Warrant 2026:** Mr. Leclerc said there are currently 127 unlicensed dogs. This is a significant decrease when compared to last year's 407 dogs. Certified notices will be sent. Dog owners will have two weeks to pay before the list is turned over to the Police Chief.

Mr. Morrill motioned to accept and approve the dog warrant. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Mr. Leclerc said it's very important for residents keep their contact information current as 50 tax bills have been returned so far due to incorrect or outdated information.

EVENT PERMITS:

1. There were no event permits.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Winding Road Bridge:** Ms. Golab asked if any traffic volume reports were available to review? Mr. Krauss said there is an issue with the speed trailer that he is trying to fix. The speed trailer has all the information but will not allow the data to be downloaded.
- 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.** This is going to Warrant.
- F. **Energy Audit for Town Hall and Fire Station:** This will be removed from old business.
- G. **Dawson Street Traffic Study- Update May 4, 2026:**

Communications Received:

- 1. Eastern Propane- Sent notification to lock in the 2026/2027 rate at \$1.75/per gallon (current rate is \$1.65).

Ms. Golab motioned to move forward with accepting the 2026/2027 rate. Seconded by Mr. Morrill. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

- 2. County Commissioner Feliciano- His communication notified the town that federal funds may be coming to New Hampshire and available to towns – Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program. Commissioner Feliciano said he is committed to helping Milton receive available funding. Ms. Golab pointed out to Chief Marique one such use could be around renovation to existing buildings to house ambulances, and expand emergency medical services capacity. Chief Marique said he will review the document.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board:

- 1. Ms. Golab asked if there has been interest for volunteering on committees? Mr. Krauss said he has only received one interested individual in the EDC. She asked that this be posted again and to give a few more weeks to see if there is any interest. Ms. Golab said she will attend the next Recreation Commission meeting to talk about the Activities Committee.
- 2. Cemetery- Mr. Rawson said there has been recent issues with overgrown grass at the cemeteries, due to hot weather and rain. Going forward he recommended if more mowings are needed, the vendors should be able to mow when needed. He said people have been upset with how overgrown they have become and he does understand why they feel like this. Cemeteries do need mowing more often. Mr. Krauss said his concern is how this will be paid. He will talk to the Trustees about collecting from perpetual care to cover this cost. For the future, he suggested adding an extra day for the part-time person from DPW to do mowings over the summer months. Mr. Krauss said it is the town's responsibility to maintain the cemeteries. It would be easier for town staff to take over this responsibility. He will work with Bill Walden.

Approval of Minutes:Public Minutes:

June 1, 2026 Selectmen Meeting – Mr. Morrill motioned **to accept 6/1/2026** meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Golab. All were in favor. The motion was accepted.

Public Comments Relative to Topics Previously Discussed:

Larry Brown- An Economic Vitality Committee vs. an Economic Development Commission. What expenses does the town incur when people do not pay their taxes? Accessible list of town businesses and services.

Expenditure Report: Mr. Krauss said the town is still doing good. Currently at the 50% year-to-date mark with ~39% spent.

Town Administrator:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be July 6, 2026 at 6:00PM.
2. Appointment of officers promoted to corporal, sergeant and new officer Nicholas Rafferty- all were sworn in. The Select Board will need to sign their appointment forms.
3. Because DPW do not work on Fridays, for the July 4th holiday, they will take July 2nd off. This covers their holiday and ensures no overtime is used to cover.
4. July 4th parade in Milton Mills. Roads will be shut down at 9AM for parade start at 10AM.

Selectmen Comments:

1. Mr. Rawson- Thanks to Michael Allsup for the recent chili cook-off. It was quite an event. Thanks to Karen Brown and staff for the summer kick-off. Tomorrow is the last day of school. Drivers should pay attention and be aware of children.

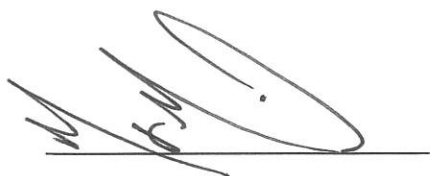
Adjournment:

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 7:40PM.

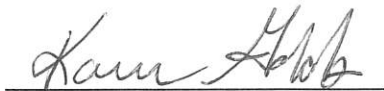
Given under our hands this _____ day of June, 2026.



Andy Rawson – Chairman BOS

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Matt Morrill - Board Member

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Karen Golab- Board Member

END OF MINUTES – June 22, 2026