



**Monday, September 22, 2025**

## **Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED**

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**Board Members Present:** Derek Tremblay (Chair); Dianne Craig (Vice-Chair); Sebastian Zyzdorf

**Guest (s):** Dave Dumas; Police Chief Ed Andersen; Road Agent ShaeDel Simino; Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tremblay called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All consent agenda items were reviewed, signed, and approved.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Kearsarge Energy Presentation (Solar Tax Agreement):** Melissa Salinardi, recording secretary for the Zoning Board, explained that during their last meeting, the Zoning Board agreed that if a special town meeting took place, they would still not be able to approve a special exemption within the timeframe that has been given to the Town by Kearsarge Energy. This would put the Town in a position where they may not be able to approve the tax agreement with Kearsarge Energy. The Zoning Board Chair, Judy Martz, and Selectmen Dianne Craig drafted a letter to be presented to Kearsarge Energy asking them if they would be willing to comply with the pending solar ordinances that will be brought to a Town vote in March 2026. The Zoning Board agreed to waive the special exemption if Kearsarge Energy agreed to comply with the conditions stated in the letter.

The Board agreed that there would not be enough time to hold a special meeting and decided to not pursue that option. The Board felt that the tax agreement would be a good opportunity for the Town and wanted to move forward if possible. They agreed that if Kearsarge Energy was willing to sign and comply with the pending solar ordinance and conditions listed in the drafted letter then they would consider entering into a tax agreement with the company.

- **Discovery Park:** The Board toured Discovery Park prior to the meeting and had no questions or concerns.

*Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to accept the 'as built' design plans of Discovery Park as presented by the most recent surveyed map. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

- **Police Enforcement Update:** Dave Dumas was present and asked for an update on the speeding issues that have been happening on Route 31. It was noted by Chief Andersen that the speed signs have been moved about a month now and that he could provide some data to the Board for review.

Chief Andersen explained that when the officers are on duty, they make it a priority to monitor that area and each one has recently responded to activity on that road. He added that the difficulty lies in the hours that the officers are on patrol; however, he is working on a solution that hopefully will help with monitoring during daytime hours. Chair Tremblay asked that Chief Andersen follow up with the data results within a month.

*Dave Dumas left the meeting at 6:46pm.*

## **ROAD AGENT REPORT**

- **General Update:** Shae Simino stated that the footbridge for Old Home Day has been installed and the walkway down to the bridge has been improved for all residents to use the bridge safely. He added that the Fire Department has inspected the bridge and had no concerns.

He continued and stated that the Highway Department has been hauling material onto Center and Cross Road. He is in the process of trying to rent a roller and is waiting to hear back on estimates from vendors. As soon as he receives an answer, he will go ahead and rent a roller for two weeks. He plans to prepare the roads and have them ready for the roller when it arrives.

He explained that he was called in to work Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Transfer Station and asked the Board to approve overtime for the upcoming week. The Board agreed to grant his overtime request.

Shae spoke about hiring someone to help over the next few weeks to complete some of the larger tasks that are planned. The Board discussed an hourly rate and approved Shae to hire a Highway Helper if needed.

Dianne Craig thanked the Highway Department for putting the footbridge in and getting the area ready for Old Home Day.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Review of Regular Meeting Minutes (September 8<sup>th</sup>):**

*Dianne Craig motioned to approve the Regular and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025 “as is”. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES**

- **Email Correspondance:** The Board signed a formal denial letter for the request to put up a structure at Gunnison Lake that was discussed during the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Non-Public Session:** The Board agreed to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & (e).

*Derek Tremblay motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) “the dismissal, promotion, compensation or disciplining an employee, or the investigation of any charges against him/her,” And (e), “Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.” Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

The Board entered non-public session at 6:59 p.m.

The Board invited Chief Ed Andersen and Melissa Salinardi into the non-public session.

The Board discussed the hazardous building update and agreed to move forward with the advice given to them by legal counsel.

The Board discussed property litigation updates and agreed to move forward with the advice given to them by legal counsel.

A personnel complaint was brought to the Board's attention and it was discussed.

The Board felt that they could not comment on this matter due to the pending litigation and will respond to the complaint accordingly.

***Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 7:38p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

***Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to seal the minutes indefinitely as it would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board and it would render a proposed action ineffective. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

Chief Andersen mentioned that he is continuing to address a littering ordinance concern that was brought to his attention. He plans on working with the Town of Washington Police Department on this matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Ball Park Bridge Update:** Chair Tremblay signed the updated State Bridge Aid Program Project Agreement. Melissa Salinardi reported that five pre-qualified engineering firms have been sent letters and requests for qualifications (RFQ). The Board will open the RFQs during a future Public Meeting.
- **Hazardous Building:** This was discussed during the above non-public session.
- **Property Litigation Update:** This was discussed during the above non-public session.

*Chief Andersen left the meeting at 7:41pm.*

## **STANDING ITEMS & OTHER**

- **Budget Review:** The Board reviewed the monthly budget report. No questions or concerns were made.
- **Abandoned Property**
- **Planning Board Update:** The Planning Board held their annual Gravel Pit Inspection on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. No residents were in attendance and the Board had no questions or concerns with their findings.

***Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn at 7:54pm. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi.