

Selectboard Meeting - August 3, 2026 6:00 pm

Call to Order: 6:02

Attendance: Joe Nolan, Linda Schmidt, Jessica Pendleton, Rob Viglas, John Phelps. Also in attendance: Margaret Phelps, Jessica Lewis. Minute taker: Jessica Lewis

Citizen Concerns

Valerie dePeyster left a note for the Selectboard noting that the Town notice boards need repair.

Margaret Phelps asks if the Road Crew could be asked to clip the branches at the notch that cover the speed limit sign.

Tax Rate for FY 26-27

Jessica L. presents to the Board the tax rate worksheet for FY26-27, noting the municipal tax rate has decreased slightly due to an increase in state aid, the school budget homestead rate has slightly decreased while the non-homestead rate has increased.

Joe makes a motion to pass the tax rate, Linda seconds; all in favor.

Ongoing Business

- **Short-Term-Rental Ordinance**

Joe spoke with a resident who uses Airbnb to rent his house. Joe assured him that it wouldn't change a situation like his, the ordinance that is being drafted is intended to primarily regulate how many of these rentals a property owner could build on their property.

Linda states it should be possible in the language of the ordinance to draw a line between those who rent their own home or one accessory dwelling and those that want to have multiple rentals on their property.

- **Drinking water at Town Hall**

Joe came to collect a water sample and John has the results. The lead remains high, the water does contain coliform bacteria, and there is no longer E. coli. Webb needs to know the size of the

pump in the well and the amount of pressure to suggest the right filtration system. Jessica L. will look at the bill from Gould from last summer to see what data is included there.

Road Report

Joe says the Road Crew was anticipating fixing pavement near the yellow farmhouse and changed the blade on the grader but they need a roller to finish the job. After this, they will replace the other blade on the grader to fix some other spots around town.

The auction for the International truck ends tonight, it may or may not be sold.

Other Business

The new owners of a property on Chunks Brook Road want to place a dry hydrant in their pond. Brian Hawley has stated that the pond would need to be cleaned up before it could be done. Linda recommended the property owner contact the DOH to be advised on what kinds of testing need to be done and how it can be reclaimed.

Linda mentions that BCRC has support available for the Listers and for creating the town Listers' maps. The Board agrees we should talk to BCRC to find out what they can offer especially in terms of mapping, and Linda will reach out.

Linda emailed Tom Yandow last week, he will be prepared to give an update on the MERP projects soon.

Approval of July 20 Meeting Minutes

Linda motions to pass the minutes, Rob seconds.

Orders Signed

John motions to adjourn, Joe seconds.

Meeting adjourned: 6:44pm

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Lewis