

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– May 19, 2025

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Rusty Talbot
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Claire Von Karls, Brian Beaulieu,

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will not meet on Monday May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, of May 12, 2025 seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received the latest U199 updates.

Jennifer notified the board that Steve Chardon's term as the representative to the Mt. Washington Airport Commission had expired. RUSTY TALBOT made a motion to reappoint Steve Chardon for a three-year term to the Mt. Washington Airport Commission, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received a commendation for Corporal Sarah Donahue written by Chief Allan Clark. The board would also like to thank Sarah for her actions to assist on a medical call.

Notices this week from NHMA included the zoning mandates before the house.

The final NHDES Wetland approval for Crane Hill was received. Permit # 2025-00330

Advertising and bid packages will be going out for the Crane Hill Project. Ad in the Union Leader on June 2nd. Information also on the town website.

Harman's will be using the front lawn of the Crapo Building for overflow vendors, weather permitting on: May 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, June 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

The town received correspondence from the State regarding the Federal regulations on companies following the DEI protocols.

CHRIS ELLMS shared with the board the work the Conservation Commission has been doing regarding the Warren Property on Center District Road that abuts the Town Forest. The Conservation Commission has spoken with SPNHF who hold an easement on the property. The commission would like to work with LCHIP which could help with the funding and the commission would raise the additional funds through contributions. No tax dollars would be spent on the project. The SHCC will have hearing to use their funds for the appraisal and citizens are funding the legal fees associated with the Purchase & Sale agreement. The board feels that the additional acreage to the town forest will be good for the town and the neighbors.

The goal is to have the sale happen by 2026 and the P&S has outs for the seller and the purchaser. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to authorize Chris Ellms to sign a purchase and sale, seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed.

The recent Dyke Road subdivision plan has been withdrawn by Split Rock LLC at this time.

DOUG GLOVER met with the board on highway department business to be followed by the road report. Doug updated the board on his and the Town Engineer's meetings with the Dyke Road property owners. They disagreed with the proposed driveway due to ledge issue and water. They felt the driveway should be moved uphill and come in from above. The owners had asked Doug if he would go ahead and change the culvert which Doug said should go from 18' to 30'. At this time the owners would need to contact the neighbor across the street as the flow would need to be controlled in more than one area. No paving on Dyke Road and not culvert replacement. Doug will contact the owners.

JBC Utilities will be putting in two crossings and have completed a Trench Permit and awaiting the \$3,000 bond. Josh Ashley will be attending WMCC to upgrade his license so that he can move equipment when required. The cost will be covered under the highway budget.

Doug will be getting an addition estimate for another door replacement at the garage. Funds will come from his Highway Building CRF. Doug is concerned that the 35-year-old sweeper will need to be replaced. He can purchase a sweeper to put on the loader for around \$26,000. These funds would come from the Highway Heavy Equipment CRF.

Doug met with the paving company today and asphalt prices are down and gravel prices are up, fuel down and aggregate up so prices have not changed overall. Concern that the local asphalt site is being sold and may have to travel further for material.

Doug also discussed with the board the best way to improve Clark Road. Would like to grind, gravel, and give it a year to settle.

The road report will be made available in the next town newsletter. Thanks to the road committee for their work on this report.

Discussion around banning heavy truck traffic on Streeter Pond Road. Jennifer and Doug will check in with NHDOT if something like this would affect our Highway Block Grant funding. Doug also reported that an Irving Propane Truck was seen crossing the Crane Hill Bridge.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday June 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator