

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– June 16, 2025

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Paul Reid, Kathy Jablonski, Dan Kenerson
Jim Keefe, Steve Carter

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select Board will not meet on June 23, 2025.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, of June 9, 2025 as amended seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes of June 9, 2025 seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received the latest U199 updates.

MR. TALBOT discussed and provided the office with a Power Point handout on NHMA's suggestion to move from a calendar year to a fiscal year budget process. The board will take under consideration.

The board reviewed some correspondence from Community Power Coalition and no response is required at this time.

The bid process for the Crane Hill Bridge replacement has started. There were 10 contractors on the informational meeting. Bids will be opened next week with a start time of August 2025 and projected completion of October 2026. More information will be forthcoming including road closings. There will be three phases and a possible winter shutdown which is up to the contractor. Jennifer will contact Woodsville Guaranty regarding the financing that will be needed for the project.

Healthtrust notified members that the Senate non-concurred with the House-amended version of SB297. As such, this means the law governing risk pools in New Hampshire (RSA 5-B) will remain unchanged from current law and New Hampshire risk pools may continue to operate without the untenable burden that the provisions of SB297 as introduced would have placed on members.

The board signed a Pole & Petition License for Eversource for a pole replacement on Toad Hill Road.

The board signed an Intent to Cut Wood of Timber for Dennis Leedom Map 208, Lot 17 Crane Hill Road.

The board approved the following permits:

Marc & Julia Prisco – New Home

Joseph Kaye - Mudroom

Peter Thomann – Generator

Map 211, Lot 4 Blake Road

Map 226, Lot 7.1 Hadley Road

Map 227, Lot 5 Toad Hill Road

DAN KENERSON met with the board as the Sugar Hill representative to the Cooley Jericho Town Forest. Notes from their recent meeting included:

Trail work will continue with work on water bars and walkways replaced.

The bids for the parking area as proposed were cost prohibitive with the minimum coming in at \$200,000. There were no reported parking issues this past winter.

The new owners of abutting land will not allow access from the Landaff side. They only allow snowmobiles on their land.

ACT will be having an updated management plan done.

STEVE CARTER met with the board as he is the contractor for an addition to the barn at the Sugar Hill Historical Museum. To get equipment to the back they will need to have the Crapo Building underground propane tank and lines moved. The board went out and looked at the issue and Mr. Bielefield will go back to the museum with this issue. At issue is who will be paying to have the tank moved and is it necessary to do.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday June 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by MR. TALBOT seconded by MR. ELLMS. Specific Statutory

Reasons cited as foundation for the nonpublic session: RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session: Richard Bielefield-Yes Chris Ellms – Yes, Rusty Talbot-YES

The board moved to Non-public session at 6:06 pm

Motion to seal the minutes made by MR. TALBOT, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes: Richard Bielefield – Yes, Chris Ellms -Yes, Rusty Talbot - Yes
Motion: PASSED

Motion to leave nonpublic session and adjourn at 6:20 pm., by MR. ELLMS, seconded by MR. TALBOT. Motion: PASSED

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator