

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 25, 2025

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Claire Von Karls,
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy, Health Officer Deb Corey, Deputy Health Officer Margo
Connors, Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will not be open and the Select board will not meet on Monday September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 18, 2025 seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received the annual meeting invitation from the Grafton Regional Development Corporation and Mr. Talbot may attend. If not, the board will send in their proxy.

The board discussed a resident's concern regarding the truck speed on Main Street. They feel the signs are helping. The Police Department has been covering Main Street from different locations. Again, being a State Highway there are not a lot of things the town can do. Recommended the concerned individual contact either Troop F or the NH Department of Safety. The speed sign next to the Welcome sign will be moved back up the hill to the original location.

The board received the latest U199 updates. Conduit installation will be the week of September 1, 2025.

The board approved a building permit for a 7'x7' entry. Mackin 629 Dyke Road, Map 226, Lot 17

There was an organizational meeting for the Crane Hill Bridge Project on August 21, 2025. All groups were represented at the meeting. Invoice policy was discussed and will go through NHDOT to Red McCarthy/Rose Ellms and to Jennifer for payment. Will try to keep it moving and not have to use the TAN if possible. Cold River has mobilized and building the bypass. Consolidated needs to move lines. They hope to start by the middle of September. Abutments in by December and then a break and restart in the spring. Completion of the project October 2026. At this time no road closures are expected until next spring.

During open comment Chief Ho-Sing-Loy was asked about the speeding and noted that tickets have been issued and that the NCC road study didn't show a speed issue.

With no more business before the Board, MR. TALBOT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday September 8, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by MR. ELLMS seconded by MR. TALBOT 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 5:35 pm

Motion to seal the minutes made by MR. TALBOT, seconded by ELLMS, 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 5:58 pm., by MR. TALBOT, seconded by MR. ELLMS. Motion: PASSED

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator