

SELECTMEN'S MEETING-- December 15, 2025

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Kathy Jablonski, Brian Beaulieu, Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy
Road Agent Doug Glover

MR. TALBOT made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes of December 8, 2025, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Jennifer reported on a call received regarding the Sunset Hill Property and what can and can't be done there.

The current tower on Scragg Mountain will be having some modifications done including replacement of three antennas and installation of three remote radio heads.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds will meet on January 15th at 9:00am at the Crapo Building.

The board received the latest U199 updates. Continues restoration off Streeter Pond Road.

There have been complaints regarding the maintenance and plowing of State Road 117 through Sugar Hill. We will send a letter to District One Engineer. Doug noted that they have changed which DOT garage covers 117.

Jennifer advised that she is working on another RTK for the Sabados/Lang property issues.

We will be receiving a check from the Town of Franconia for \$4,032 which is the town's portion after the containers were sold at the Transfer Station. These funds will go on a Warrant Article to be returned to the Tri Town Transfer Station CRF.

The board received a letter of formal neighborhood complaint from Alex Aaron. She requested the board to declare 232 Streeter Pond Road a Public Nuisance. The board is continuing a lengthy legal procedure regarding the property with a court date just attended today by the Health Officer, Police Chief and Fire chief. The town will await the Grafton County judge's ruling. Chief Clark will respond in regard to the current fire hazard conditions.

The board received Approval for Operation DES Sewage System for Map 218/Lot3 Schmarr on Hadley Road. Approval for construction for Map 218, Lot 31 Creamery Pond Road.

One of the highway trucks had a minor accident at the shop. The Road Agent is getting an estimate.

CARL MARTLAND completed the latest road report, and it will be available on the town website and in the newsletter. Overall felt that the extra money being spent on the road was paying dividends in their condition.

The board received a resignation letter from Health Officer Deb Corey effective January 31, 2026. Margo Connors is the current deputy health officer. Margo is going to reach out to North Country Consortium to see if any interest in setting up a regional health officer for several towns. The board appreciates what Deb has accomplished this past year which has been very trying.

The town received copies of three State Of NH Driveway Permits issued to Eversource for temporary utility access on Map 205, Lot 11, 10 and 8, Map 204 Lot 7. All located on Route 18.

The board signed an Intent to Cut Wood of Timber for Marc & Juli Prisco, Map 11, Lot 4. Blake Road.

CHRIS ELLMS reported that Crane Hill Bridge replacement is on track.

CHIEF MIKE HO-SING-LOY submitted his preliminary budget to the board for review. The budget shows an increase of 6.7%. The chief needs to continue to be competitive with area departments regarding pay for his officers. He requests the same amount \$20,000 for the Police Department Capital Reserve. The container building is finished at the highway garage location and gives storage and a covered area for the cruiser when parked. The portable road signs will be stored there as well.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER submitted his preliminary budget and is still awaiting some costs from vendors. Doug is maintaining his costs and will carry over approximately \$80,000 in the non-lapsing account for roadwork. This gives a headstart on next years paving. He needs to replace the culvert on Pearl Lake Road at Creamery Pond and will probably need a warrant article. He would like to do in a day and is getting prices for the pipe and from Ward Contracting for the day of machinery to be used.

With no more public business before the Board, MR. TALBOT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 22, 2025, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette, Town Administrator