

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– May 11, 2026

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

Guests: Kathy Jablonski, Larry & Judy Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2026, seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will meet in Franconia on June 1, 2026 at 4:30pm for a Tri Town Meeting with Franconia and Easton Select Boards.

The SAU35 Superintendent will meet with the Tri Town boards on June 1, 2026.

The board after receiving several questions from residents discussed the NHEC Vegetation Management program that will be on all right of ways in the Streeter Pond area. The board will write a letter asking if Dicamba will be used in our area and request that it not be.

There was a question in regard to the Sunset Hill Golf Course property. The property does have a conservation easement on it and only the clubhouse can be on that property along with two small shelters for golfers. The board noted that perhaps there would be a group that might like to lease the property to continue it's use as a golf course.

Jennifer is working on hiring an assessor for the last six months of 2026 and the annual April 1, 2026 pickups will be included in the September MS1 for the DRA and will be included in second issue tax bills.

Coffin Pond Update:

Still working on the transfer of land from State to Town. Expect to have a design proposal by the end of the week for a new dam. ARM funding, Harry Stewart a former DES director and local home owner, is providing assistance and information for the grant application. There are more local people stepping up to assist in moving the process. The ARM grant is like LChip in that a committee decides if our proposal meets the requirements. We will reach out to ACT, SHCC, FCC and others to assist in a writing campaign. Also, will reach out to Trout Unlimited, Audubon Society etc. This week the gravel was moved onto property owned by Cliff Hughes where it will be stockpiled for future use and a new roadway in was established. Thank you to Cliff Hughes and also Philip Magnuson and Robert Quidone for their assistance and good neighbor policy.

Question on work happening on Route 117 and mostly culvert work prior to paving project by the State this year.

The Transfer Station Committee will be meeting on Sunday May 16, 2026. This is a restart of a committee that previously worked closely with Tim at the Tri Town Transfer Station.

One correction, Jennifer misspelled Rep Darrell Louis (not Lewis) name in the newsletter.

With no more public business before the Board, MR. TALBOT made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator