

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Present:

First Selectman Meaghan Cook
Selectman Ray Pech
Selectman Mark Mahoney

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2026, Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting. Selectman Pech made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds and Credits

None

Review and Sign Checks

Completed.

Discussion of Eversource Assessment Appeal and Pending Litigation

Copies of the summons were reviewed by the Board. The documents have been forwarded to the Town Attorney for review and necessary action. The Board would like to review any communication from the Town Assessor to Eversource with regard to the penalty and the appeal.

Discussion of Referendum vs Town Meeting Voting

The benefits of private voting, availability in absentee voting, longer hours and the potential from more voter participation. Added costs involved. Is there enough public concern to move to referendum? There appears to be no requirement for an ordinance change, it is the decision of the BOS to present the budget to a public vote in the manner determined by the board, historically, by Town vote. Paper ballot vote at this year's meeting was considered to be a successful option. The Board is weighing the options and discussion will continue. Public input is welcome.

Correspondence

None

Any other Business

Discuss economic development opportunities and support for properties that may fall under Brownfield status or other hurdles.

Discuss the use of Town Hall and Town-owned properties by town commissions or board vs private groups. Selectman Mahoney made a motion, second by Selectman Pech, The use of Town Hall will be reserved for Town meetings of boards and commissions only. Other groups will be offered use of Town Community Room and Town Senior Community Center to be scheduled through Erica at Town Hall on a first come, first serve basis. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion of employee policy and procedures, overtime policy, time off, etc. Union and nonunion.
Preparing for future needs when vacancy occur. Create regional positions when possible?
Work in kind by the road crew for organizations in town, Stanclift Cove, West Hill Pond Dam, fire departments, etc.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for June 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook

First Selectman