

Board of Selectmen – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut
In person and via Zoom

Members Present

In Person: First Selectman David Barger; Selectman Christopher Kinsella; Selectman Judy Jacobs

Via Zoom: None

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by First Selectman David Barger.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Under Selectman’s Report – Item 7F

Extension of funds for the Cobble Road culvert project (clarified: the culvert, not the bridge).

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business – Item 10E

Setting a date for a public hearing regarding the leasing of 107 Main Street, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §7-163e.

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Louis Timolat announced his upcoming resignation from the Health District and strongly recommended Eli Horowitz as his successor. He explained Horowitz’s qualifications and preparation. The First Selectman thanked him for his decades of service.

4. Approval of Minutes

January 12, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to approve the minutes. Discussion followed regarding amendments.

Amendments:

- **Item 5 – Treasurer/Tax Collector Report:**
The motion **did carry**; the draft incorrectly stated “did not carry.”
- **Item 7h – Selectmen’s Updates:**
Notes should reflect: Funding for a Professional Service Agreement with AEA for the salt shed and the water/oil separator at the Town Garage.

- **Item 10 – Bridge & Infrastructure Committee:**
The minutes should not state that Selectman Kinsella met with Cardinal Engineering.
Corrected: *Selectman Kinsella will be meeting with Cardinal Engineering.*

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to accept the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to approve January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.
The motion passed unanimously.

January 20, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

January 28, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

February 4, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer and Tax Collector Reports (*see attached*)

December 2025 Treasurer’s Report

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to receive the December 2025 Treasurer’s Report.
Vote: 2–1 (Barger and Jacobs in favor; Kinsella opposed). **The motion carried.**

January 2026 Tax Collector’s Report

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to receive the January 2026 Tax Collector’s Report.
Vote: 2–1 (Barger and Jacobs in favor; Kinsella opposed). **The motion carried.**

6. Communications

a. Written Communications

Letter from Guy Rovezzi thanking the Board for its retirement letter and expressing his continued support for the town.

Letter from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the administering agency for affordable housing matters. The First Selectman will consult with the town attorney and with Jocelyn Ayer of LCCHO regarding next steps.

b. Oral Communications

None.

7. First Selectman’s Report

- a. **STEAP Grant** – Work continues; Selectman Kinsella will provide additional details during his report.

- b. **Winter Roadway Conditions** – DPW Manager Tim Downs reported adequate salt/sand supplies; overtime budget is tight after recent storms.
- c. **Town Proposed Spending Plan** – A special meeting will be scheduled once all departmental requests are submitted.
- d. **CEN** – Expected mid-March.
- e. **Capital Plan** – Departments will submit worksheets; the First Selectman and BOF Chair will coordinate.
- f. **Cobble Road Culvert – Extension of Funds** – Funds have been extended for another year. The Town holds \$400,000 in matching funds; project costs have risen from \$734,400 to \$1,164,700. A joint public meeting with the Boards of Finance and Selectmen, the Infrastructure Committee, and Cardinal Engineering will be held in mid-March at the firehouse to review all bridge projects except Cobble Road, which is already in the design phase.

8. Selectmen’s Report

- a. **Cobble Road Culvert** – Discussion of long-term sequencing of the culvert and the Hollenbeck River “big bridge.”
- b. **Bridge & Infrastructure** – A meeting with engineers Andrew Shields and Mark Burns is scheduled.
- c. **Transfer Station** – Traffic-flow improvements are being explored; a 10-foot storage container is being ordered; updated equipment quotes will be needed.
- d. **Salt Shed** – Funding approved; Professional Services Agreement signed; survey and permitting work beginning.
- e. **107 Main Street** – Required P&Z paperwork is being completed.
- f. **Pavilion & Senior Center Roof** – Work remains under review; timing depends on weather.
- g. **Pool House** – Window repairs are underway.
- h. **Recreation & Community Events** – Maple Syrup Weekend coordination underway; spring festival planning continues.

9. Old Business

- a. **35 Railroad Street** – A meeting with the town attorney will be scheduled.
- b. **Affordable Housing Plan Task Force** – A special meeting is expected soon.
- c. **Cobble Road Culvert & Bridge** – Updates provided earlier.

10. New Business

a. Tax Rebates and Suspension List

None presented.

b. Recreation Commission – Resignation (*see attached*)

Lauren Kilawee resigned as Recording Secretary effective January 25, 2026; she remains a commission member.

c. Housatonic River Commission – Representative Appointment (*see attached*)

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to appoint Mark Gonzonsky as the Falls Village representative to the Housatonic River Commission for the term February 9, 2026 – February 8, 2029, replacing Richard Hines. The motion passed unanimously.

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to appoint Colter Rule as the alternate representative, filling the remainder of the term ending September 7, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

d. TAHD – Resignation & Appointment (*see attached*)

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to accept the resignation of Louis Timolat. The motion passed unanimously.

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to appoint Eli Horowitz as the TAHD representative. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Public Hearing – 107 Main Street Lease (CGS §7-163e)

Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to set the public hearing for Friday, February 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Public Comment

- **Road Conditions & Equipment:** Discussion of aging DPW trucks, need for reliable sanders, and budgeting for replacements.
- **Sidewalk Safety:** Concerns raised about icy sidewalks; DPW continues salting; Town will review legal responsibilities and consider interim measures.
- **Bridge Funding Clarifications:** Questions about remaining grant balances and future application cycles; further clarification expected after engineer meetings.

13. Adjournment

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Fife, Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- Appointments: TAHD Representative; HRC Representatives
- Resignations: TAHD Representative; Recreation Commission Secretary
- Written Correspondence: P&Z Letter re: Administering Agency
- Reports: Treasurer and Tax Collector

MOTION CHART

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#	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote	Outcome	Source
1	Add Item 7F – Extension of funds for Cobble Road culvert	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to add this item...”
2	Add Item 10E – Public hearing for 107 Main Street lease	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella, to add this item...”
3	Approve Jan. 12, 2026 minutes (pre-amendment)	Jacobs	Kinsella	—	Discussion only	“Jacobs moved... Discussion followed...”
4	Accept amendments to Jan. 12 minutes	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
5	Approve Jan. 12 minutes as amended	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
6	Approve Jan. 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
7	Approve Jan. 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
8	Approve Feb. 4, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
9	Receive December 2025 Treasurer’s Report	Jacobs	Kinsella	2–1	Passed	“Vote: 2–1... The motion carried.”
10	Receive January 2026 Tax Collector’s Report	Jacobs	Kinsella	2–1	Passed	“Vote: 2–1... The motion carried.”
11	Accept resignation of Louis Timolat (TAHD)	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved... The motion passed unanimously.”

#	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote	Outcome	Source
12	Appoint Mark Gonzonsky – HRC Representative	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
13	Appoint Colter Rule – HRC Alternate	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
14	Appoint Eli Horowitz – TAHD Representative	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
15	Set public hearing for 107 Main Street lease – Feb. 27, 2026	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Passed	“Jacobs moved... The motion passed unanimously.”
16	Adjourn	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	Passed	“Kinsella moved... to adjourn.”

APPOINTMENT & RESIGNATION CHART

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A. Resignations

Position	Individual	Effective Date	Notes	Source
TAHD Representative	Louis Timolat	Not stated	Resignation accepted unanimously	“Jacobs moved... to accept the resignation of Louis Timolat.”
Recreation Commission – Recording Secretary	Lauren Kilawee	Jan. 25, 2026	Remains a commission member	“Lauren Kilawee resigned as Recording Secretary...”

B. Appointments

Position	Appointee	Term	Replaces	Source
Housatonic River Commission – Representative	Mark Gonzonsky	Feb. 9, 2026 – Feb. 8, 2029	Richard Hines	“Jacobs moved... to appoint Mark Gonzonsky... replacing Richard Hines.”

Position	Appointee	Term	Replaces	Source
Housatonic River Commission – Alternate	Colter Rule	To Sept. 7, 2028	—	“Kinsella moved... to appoint Colter Rule... term ending September 7, 2028.”
TAHD Representative	Eli Horowitz	Not stated	Louis Timolat	“Kinsella moved... to appoint Eli Horowitz as the TAHD representative.”