

Board of Selectmen – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 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 6:02 p.m. by First Selectman David Barger.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Motion to add Item 10(D) – Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show, July 12, 2026.

Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve February 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.
Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve March 3, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.
Kinsella moved, seconded by Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer and Tax Collector Reports

(See attachments to the Board of Finance Minutes – 03.09.26)

- Motion to receive the January 2026 Treasurer's Report.
Jacobs moved, seconded by Kinsella. Vote: 2–1 (Barger and Jacobs in favor; Kinsella opposed). Motion carried.

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

6. Communications

a. Written Communications

A letter from resident Diane Polanis regarding dog waste was read into the record. DPW will restock dog-waste bags.

b. Oral Communications

None.

7. First Selectman’s Report

STEAP Grant

(Tabled for Selectmen’s Reports.)

Winter Roadway Conditions

DPW Manager Tim Downs reported that two new trucks are now in service.

Town Proposed Spending Plan

A budget workshop is scheduled for March 11 at 8:00 a.m., with additional sessions to follow.

POCD Implementation Committee

The First Selectman will invite POCD Chairman Doug Cohn to next month’s (April) Regular Meeting.

Municipal Solid Waste

The First Selectman reported that all 21 COG towns will need to collaborate on the regional solid-waste plan. Several towns are already participating in, or expected to join, the Northwest Regional Resource Authority (NRRA). Members will review the materials, and a special meeting will be scheduled.

Proposal of Ordinance – NRRA

Discussion included MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) disposal, the regional authority structure, tipping fees, and the need for a town ordinance.

Options from Private Contractor

The First Selectman reported receiving USA's 5- and 10-year solid-waste contract materials, noting that adopting them would eliminate the public option. Members will review the documents, and a special meeting will be scheduled.

He also reported that the Torrington Transfer Station is now set to close on July 30, 2026, one year earlier than previously stated. The COG and its legal counsel are addressing the issue, with updates expected after Thursday's meeting.

Senate Bill 7

The NHCOC submitted a coalition letter to the General Assembly's Education Committee supporting Senate Bill 7, urging updates to the ECS (education cost sharing) foundation amount, elimination of the Minimum Budget Requirement, and guaranteed small-town representation on future education-funding groups. The letter was signed by all Northwest Hills COG members.

8. Selectmen's Reports

Bridge & Infrastructure / STEAP / Facilities Updates

- The Bridge and Infrastructure Committee will meet tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. to review Cardinal's TRIP grant proposal for rehabilitating six sub-20-foot bridges and one over 20 feet, ensuring all eligible work is included before submission.
- Under the STEAP grant, the Town received the trash/compost containment structure, now at the Transfer Station. A concrete pad will be poured when weather allows. The Transfer Station Manager is soliciting an installation proposal, which will require board approval once finalized.
- Work continues on the pool house, with thanks to Chris Wadsworth. The committee is preparing RFPs, and AEA is advancing permitting, including a survey crew visit tomorrow. A new compactor estimate is encouraging, and the board will move the RFP forward promptly.
- Two required public hearings for 107 Main were completed successfully. The operator plans to open in early April and is already seeing strong interest. The Town will provide a gallon of matching paint to address a wall repair.
- For the 250th celebration, planning is underway, and orders for flags and outdoor decorations will begin next week.

9. Old Business

a. 35 Railroad Street

The matter is progressing and remains with the Town's attorney for final legal work.

b. Affordable Housing Plan Task Force

The Task Force will meet on March 25.

Cobble Road Culvert/Bridge

State bridge officials report the project is progressing. The expected bridge timeline has shifted from 2029 to likely 2030, though 2029 remains possible. Required notifications have been sent, and site conditions, including water levels at the weir, are stable.

10. New Business

a. Tax Rebates and Suspension List

None presented.

b. Town Proposed Spending Plan

Motion to table scheduling dates until the March 11 workshop.
Jacobs moved; seconded by Kinsella. Unanimous.

c. POCD Committee Meeting Dates

Motion to schedule the POCD Implementation Committee discussion for the next Regular BOS Meeting.
Jacobs moved; seconded by Kinsella. Unanimous.

d. Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show

A March 9, 2026 letter from Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show organizer Judy Jacobs requested road closures and use of Town property for the July 12 show, noting strong resident support, significant fundraising for local groups, and continued use of professional traffic control.

Motion to support the 2026 show.

Barger moved; seconded by Kinsella. Unanimous.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Public Comment

The organizer (Judy Jacobs) of the Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show was thanked for their work and noted the event's positive atmosphere, respectful participants, and efficient cleanup.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Jacobs moved; seconded by Kinsella. Unanimous.

Attachments:

NHCOG Coalition Letter State Bill 7

Letter from Diane Polaris regarding dog waste

Letter from FV Car & Motorcycle Show Organizer, Judy Jacobs

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Fife, Recording Secretary

MOTION CHART – Board of Selectmen

Meeting Date: March 9, 2026

#	Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Vote	Notes / Source
1	Add Item 10(D) – Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	“Motion to add Item 10(D)... Motion passed unanimously.”
2	Approve Feb. 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	“The motion passed unanimously.”
3	Approve Feb. 26, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	“The motion passed unanimously.”
4	Approve March 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	“The motion passed unanimously.”
5	Receive January 2026 Treasurer’s Report	Jacobs	Kinsella	2–1 (Barger & Jacobs in favor; Kinsella opposed)	“Motion carried.”
6	Receive February 2026 Tax Collector’s Report	Jacobs	Kinsella	2–1 (Barger & Jacobs in favor; Kinsella opposed)	“Motion carried.”
7	Table Town Proposed Spending Plan dates until March 11 workshop	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	“Jacobs moved; Kinsella seconded; Unanimous.”
8	Schedule POCD Committee meeting date for next Regular BOS Meeting	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	“Jacobs moved; Kinsella seconded; Unanimous.”
9	Support the 2026 Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show	Barger	Kinsella	Unanimous	“Barger motioned; Kinsella seconded. Unanimous.”
10	Adjourn at 6:30 p.m.	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	“Jacobs moved; seconded by Kinsella; Unanimous.”

APPOINTMENT & RESIGNATION CHART

Meeting Date: March 9, 2026

Category	Name	Position / Board	Term	Action	Notes
Resignations	—	—	—	None	No resignations were presented or acted upon.
Appointments	—	—	—	None	No appointments were presented or acted upon.