



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: April 9th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Bob Hamilton, Vice Chair, Tom Coneys, Selectboard Member, Larry Cleveland, and members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob.

Selectmen's Appointments:

BOS Ex-officio Appointments: By consensus of the board, Tom Coneys was appointed as ex-officio to the Budget Advisory Committee and the School Board Budget Advisory Committee, Bob Hamilton was appointed as ex-officio to the Town & Gown Committee, the Meeting House Oversight Committee, and the Planning Board, and Larry was appointed as ex-officio to the Recreation Committee, the TelTech Committee, and the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Bob motioned to appoint Tom Coneys as an alternate ex officio to the Planning Board. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 3-0.

Conservation Commission: Bob motioned to appoint Richard Mellor to the Conservation Commission as a full member for 3 years. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Larry announced that the annual clean-up at Veterans' Park and the WWII Memorial is on May 3rd, 2025. Bob announced that the last P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle of the season was April 5th, 2025, and it went well. The P.O.O.R. organization has been doing great, and they donate all the money they raise to non-profits and organizations in town. They also have a scholarship that Rindge students can apply for. The contact people are Carol Donovan, Roberta Oeser, and Kork Little.

Payroll: Tom motioned to accept the Payroll for 04.03.2025 and 04.10.2025. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 3-0.

Accounts Payable: Bob motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 04.03.2025 and 04.10.2025. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 2-0-1.

Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes from 03.26.2025. Tom seconded the motion, it passed 3-0.

Citizen's Forum: Bob opened the forum at 6:11 p.m. by reading the rules of the forum and closed the forum at 6:17 p.m. Roni Hamilton, East Monomonac Road, stated she was concerned about the audience being videotaped for streaming and thought they would only record the board. She added that the individual boards should decide whether to use the streaming service. She addressed Tom and commented that he needed to change his YouTube channel, Town of Rindge NH, where he streams board meetings with to a different name. She added that his commentary about the Zoning Board of Adjustment was uncalled for.

Russell Phillips, Jowders Cove Road, a board member of the Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association, stated he is attending the meeting to address the agenda item about the boat launch repair at Lake Contoocook and answer any questions.

Ross Thermos, Hubbard Hill Road, read a statement regarding a video posted to the YouTube channel, Town of Rindge, NH. He stated that the citizen who runs this YouTube channel has the right to record and post videos themselves, but they

do not have the right to use the Town's name. The Board of Selectmen cannot compel the ZBA to livestream their meetings, as the ZBA has the autonomy to create their rules and procedures in conducting their meetings and making decisions per RSA 674:33 if they are acting within RSA-91. He added that all ZBA activity is in direct accordance with RSA 91-A. He requested a motion to be made to address this unofficial YouTube page and to affirm Town Hall Streams as the only official repository.

New Business:

Franchise Agreement – Charter Communications: Bob stated they have not received a response from Town Counsel. This agenda item was tabled for two weeks.

Revision to Employee Handbook: Bob motioned to add the revision to the Employee Handbook, which quotes RSA 659:44a, as of this date. Larry seconded the motion, it passed 3-0.

Boat Launch Repair at Lake Contoocook: The Contoocook Lake Association (CLAPA) petitioned the Town to repair the Boat Launch at the end of County Road. Bob stated that an NH RSA gives NH Fish and Game the responsibility to maintain the launches (RSA 233-A:9), but the state has not maintained this launch because it is not accepted. Larry added that CLAPA can petition NH Fish and Game to take over the maintenance of the Boat Ramp, as NH State DOT owns County Road. NH Fish and Game recommended speaking to NH DOT regarding the process. Russ Phillips stated that there is erosion on the left-hand side of the boat launch, a concerning substantial dip in front of the launch, and cinderblocks submerged in the water nearby. There was further discussion about the history of the road and the consequences of repairing the boat launch with increased traffic. Bob asked who petitions the state, the Town, the citizen who owns the land, or CLAPA. Larry answered that he will find that out.

BTLA Settlement Abatement: Bob motioned to accept the abatement for Map 6 Lot 66 at 78 Main Street owned by Roberta Oeser. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Any Other Official Business:

Special Events Permit – May 9th FPU Senior Luau: Larry motioned to accept the special events permit for the Franklin Pierce University Senior Luau on May 9th, 2025, for Senior Students only. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Memorial Day Parade: Craig Clark had sent an email to the Board to affirm that the Memorial Day Parade is a town event and covered by the Town's insurance. The board all agreed by consensus that the Memorial Day Parade is a town event. Bob stated he will respond to Craig and let him know. The Rindge Chamber of Commerce and Rindge Veterans Association sponsor the Memorial Day Parade.

Informational Items, Communications, & Updates:

Tom stated that the existing accounts payable system is being phased out, and they need to work with Finance and the Town Administrator to start a manual system. They need to determine the percentage of checks that would need a purchasing order and create guidelines. He also proposed receiving a brief report from the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director once a month, so they know what is going on.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. with a motion from Larry. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary