



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: June 4th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Bob Hamilton, Vice Chair, Tom Coneys, Selectboard Member, Larry Cleveland, Interim Town Administrator, Roberta Oeser, Executive Secretary, Victoria Stenersen, and members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the chair at 5:30 pm. Bob Hamilton motioned to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) & (c), seconded by Larry Cleveland. Passed by a roll call vote, Bob – aye, Tom – aye, Larry – aye.

The meeting returned to the public at 6:16 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob.

Bob motioned to seal the minutes from the second session until July 4th, 2025, as it could change the outcome. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0. Bob motioned to seal the minutes from the third session outright, as it would adversely affect the reputation. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob announced that the Town-Wide Yard Sale is this Saturday, June 7th. The main yard sale is at the Advent Lutheran Church off of US Route 202 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and includes the Women's Club Plant Sale. Michael LiPetri, Highland Drive, announced that the Rindge Farmer's Market starts this Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the West Rindge Common off of US Route 202. The market will be every Saturday through the beginning of October, and they have six confirmed vendors.

Citizen's Forum: Bob opened the forum at 6:20 p.m. by reading the rules of the forum and closed the forum at 6:26 p.m. Judy Unger-Clark, Fitzgerald Road, stated that the Ingalls Memorial Library 1894 Association Fundraiser with NH Gives finishes on June 11th. She also expressed concern and disappointment with the Planning Board deciding not to utilize the live-streaming service at their meeting on June 3rd. She stated it is a service to the residents, committees, and board members of the Town for transparency and communication. She also cautioned the board members on conducting town business outside of public meetings.

Pat Martin, Farrar Road, announced that the 8th grade class of CMHS is having a fundraiser at RMS during the Town-Wide Yard Sale to raise funds for future field trips. Graduation Ceremonies for 5th and 8th graders and Seniors are coming up, and the awards night for seniors is next week. She recognized the CMHS band and Carrie Swift for their assistance during the parade and thanked them for keeping time. She announced that 13 staff members at Jaffrey-Rindge School District earned advanced degrees or certificates, including two doctorates.

Payroll: Larry motioned to approve the Payroll for 05.29.2025 & 06.05.2025. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Accounts Payable: Bob motioned to accept the Accounts Payable for 05.29.2025 & 06.05.2025. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-0-0.

Minutes: Bob motioned to approve the minutes from 05.21.2025 & 5.28.2025. Seconded by Larry, it passed 3-0. Bob motioned to accept the public minutes and non-public minutes from 04.23.2025 with the italicized portion removed. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-1.

Old Business:

Town Administrator Job Search Update: Roberta stated that she sent out a shortened advertisement to the Board and will post it in the papers and continue running it. Tom and Bob requested a copy of the new application submitted.

Health Insurance Issues Update: Roberta stated there have been no further complaints.

Fire Chief Job Description – Schedule Meeting to Review: Bob stated that he would like to table this and have another work session. They agreed to schedule a meeting for Wednesday, June 11th, at 5:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion about the requirement for the Fire Chief to live in Town.

Cemetery Lot Pricing: The board agreed to recommend to the Cemetery Trustees to consider raising the prices for Cemetery Lots for non-residents.

Any Other Official Business

Transfer Station Roof Bid: Tom asked again about using the Transfer Station revolving fund for the replacement of the Transfer Station Roof. He stated he reached out to NHMA, and their legal team responded that this would be deemed a form of maintenance, replacement of equipment, and general operating expense consistent with the terms of Article 16 adopted by the Town in 2019. However, the Revolving Fund Statute 31:95-h I(a) limits the purposes to facilitating, maintaining, or encouraging recycling, but this would not include activities involving the general transfer of solid waste to another solid waste disposal facility. Roberta stated that the DRA had told the Town they needed to set up a Revolving Fund. When it was set up, we questioned if we could use it for that purpose, and they had said yes. Pat Martin, Farrar Road, stated that the Swap Shop itself is a recycling activity, and the roof that covers the Swap Shop is what is being proposed to be replaced. Bob clarified that we still offer recycling within the town, but it is just transferred to another facility.

Tom stated he would like to address the discrepancies on the time sheets for the Highway Department payroll with the department head in a non-public session, as it is a financial concern. Bob asked if this had been brought to the Highway Department Director, Mike Cloutier.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Stenersen

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