



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Conference Room at Rindge Town Offices

Date: Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

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

The chair opened the meeting at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob announced that March 10th is voting day and polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Rindge Memorial School, 58 School Street.

Payroll & Accounts Payable: Bob motioned to approve the payroll and accounts payable for 02.05.2026 & 02.12.2026. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-0-0.

Minutes: There were no minutes for approval.

Citizens' Forum: Bob opened the forum at 6:04 pm and closed the forum at 6:09 pm

Debbie Qualey, Meadow View Road, announced that Candidates Night is on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Recreation Center, 283 Wellington Road, at 6:30 pm. The Chamber of Commerce is running the event, and the Women's Club is providing snacks.

Roberta Oeser, Main Street, announced that the Planning Board meeting was rescheduled for March 17th at 7:00 pm. She commented that the tax impact is more important than the dollar amount raised. It is an opportunity for everyone to support passing everything on the warrant. The tax rate only increases by 11-cents if everything passes. The current tax rate is \$2.44. She plans to submit an opinion piece to the Monadnock Ledger explaining how the tax rate is calculated and why there will not be a big impact this year. The Town can not control the school district other than voting. But the town tax rate will be minimal. She is disappointed by the increase added to the budget during the deliberative session, but a default is not a good idea. It creates a nightmare trying to allocate the necessary funds to each department.

Debbie asked if it is an 11-cent increase per thousand for the whole budget plus all the warrant articles. Roberta responded that it would cost \$40 more for someone who owns a \$400,000 assessed home. She also answered affirmatively.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approval of Veteran Credit Applications – (RSA 72:33): Bob stated there is no need for a vote, just the signatures. Bob thanked all of Rindge's local Veterans. About 12 applications were signed; most of them were for the \$500 service credit, and one was for a permanently disabled veteran's credit.

Discussion of email account and Microsoft license usage/finances: Max stated that he reached out to the Town's IT provider, CADNET, to provide a list of all emails and Microsoft licenses. Removing the 12 emails will save about \$3,600 a month. He is requesting approval to move forward. The Fire Department is looking to buy a couple more, but he does not have an exact number yet. He explained the reasons for the email removals. Larry thanked Max for continuing to find

funds in the budget that can be removed. Max continued that there will be more because he is working with them to get him the security for each of the emails as well, which is paid for.

Roberta Oeser, Main Street, stated that the TelTech Committee should monitor this. They are also currently paying about \$25 a month for about 30 Microsoft 365 Licenses. She suggested buying bulk permanent licenses for Microsoft Office, which cost her \$150, and not using Microsoft 365 and the Cloud. Max explained that it is standard procedure for IT companies. They buy the licenses in bulk and sell them to their customers. Roberta added that the permanent licenses last the life of the computer, and licensing can be bought in bulk. Tom stated they could buy a firm license, and it would cover the entire company. Bob asked Max to touch base with Tim Wessels and Phil Motta on the TelTech Committee about the licensing fees. Tom mentioned that the accounting software will need to be converted soon so the Town still receives support, and it will cost a lot.

Bob motioned to allow Max to remove the 12 unused email addresses. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Any Other Official Business:

Max formally announced that Franklin Pierce University has asked the Town to remove the fire truck that is on their campus no later than May 1st. In the next 24 hours, Fire Chief Bob Faas will call the board members with his plan for finding a home in the interim. Franklin Pierce plans to use the building the fire truck is in for locker rooms. This was a top-down decision. Bob announced that the next Town Gown meeting is on Tuesday. He plans to discuss this issue with the University President, Peter Eden, at the meeting. He suggested reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that Franklin Pierce has signed with the Rindge Fire Department

Informational Items, Communications, & Updates: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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