



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Conference Room at Rindge Town Offices

Date: Wednesday, February 25th, 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 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's Announcements: Bob announced that Candidates Night is on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center on Wellington Road and the P.O.O.R. Meat Raffle is on Saturday, March 7th at 1:30 pm at the Jaffrey American Legion. Roberta Oeser, Main Street, stated that the co-sponsor of the Meat Raffle is the Rindge Firefighters Association.

Payroll: Bob motioned to approve the payroll for 02.19.2026 & 02.26.2026. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-0-0.

Accounts Payable: Bob motioned to approve the accounts payable for 02.19.2026. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-0-0.

Minutes: No minutes for approval.

Citizens' Forum: Bob opened and closed the forum at 6:03 pm. There were no public comments for the forum.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approval of Solar Exemptions (RSA 72:62): Larry motioned per RSA 72:62 to approve the 13 reviewed and signed solar exemptions. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Training Completion Wage Raises for Firefighters (RSA 32:5): The proposed wage raises are standard for Rindge per diem Firefighters. They were conditioned upon the completion of training with Fire Chief Bob Faas. It was confirmed that they completed the training. Tom asked if it was part of the budget. Max answered that it was not part of the budget in that way. The Chief will manage the per diem wages to ensure he stays within his overall budget. Larry moved to approve and accept the training completion raises pursuant to RSA 32:5. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Vote to withdraw \$13,000 from the Ambulance ETF for funds to pay for supplemental ambulance services (RSA 31:19-a): This is for the 13 calls that Peterborough Ambulance Service took in the Town of Rindge. Peterborough has already been paid. This is just an internal transfer to authorize the Finance Director to withdraw funds from the Trust Fund. Bob motioned to withdraw \$13,000 from the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0. Roberta Oeser, Main Street, commented that Helene needs to request the funds from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Transfer.

Any Other Official Business: There was no other official business.

Informational Items, Communications, & Updates: Bob announced there was a Town-Gown meeting at Franklin Pierce University's (FPU) cafeteria where they had lunch with the University President. The police and the Town-Gown are working together on safety protocols for the Beer Garden. The University requested that the Town of Rindge remove the

fire engine on campus by May 1st, but they are flexible on the date. Max stated that there will be a meeting between himself, the incoming Fire Chief, Bob Faas, and the University President, Peter Eden, on March 3rd to plan for removing the fire engine, discuss the reasons for the removal, and discuss redeveloping the program between the Rindge Fire Department and the FPU students as it has lapsed over the years. Bob stated they want to make sure this is in the public's eye and they are working to get to a good place. Larry stated his concern is finding a new location for the \$460,000 fire engine. He spoke with Bob Faas, who stated that both Engine One and Engine Two rarely get called out simultaneously. The Chief explained that it would be nice to have a backup engine if one goes down, but not every town can afford that as the engine cannot stay outside.

Karl Pruter, Jowders Cove Road, stated that Engine Two was primarily used when there was an active program at FPU. It is now used when one engine is out, so that the Town does not rely on Mutual Aid and can keep response times lower. Larry explained that based on his understanding, if one engine goes down, Ashby will send another engine to cover. He stated his question for Peter would be what happens to the fire program if the engine is taken off campus. Max stated that the program is mostly dissolved at this point, but Chief Faas wants to bring it back. Tom stated that they had the program when he was there, and they responded to internal calls instead of having the Town respond. Karl explained that many of Rindge's firefighters went through the program and it was a huge benefit to the Town. Bob supports rejuvenating the program with FPU. Roberta Oeser stated that Rindge likely still has Fire Department members that originated from the FPU program. She suggested getting them involved to get it running again. Bob explained that the program is beneficial to both organizations.

Public Hearing– Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue per RSA 31:95-b

Bob opened the public hearing at 6:15 pm. He explained these funds are in conjunction with a court decision on zoning ordinance violations. Max stated that the combined amount of the two penalties is \$17,680.07 and includes the attorney fees. Bob stated the case was resolved satisfactorily. Roberta Oeser explained that the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) confirmed that they can accept these funds under Unanticipated Revenue. The funds came in on December 26th, 2025. The Board can transfer the funds into the legal line or zoning enforcement. Bob closed the public hearing at 6:18 pm.

Tom motioned to accept unanticipated revenue of \$17,680.07 from funds and attorney fees received by the Town in connection with a lien resolution following the sale of private property. Seconded by Larry, it passed 3-0.

Adjournment: Bob adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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