Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Conference Room at Rindge Town Offices
Date: Wednesday, May 6th, 2026
Time: 5:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

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

At 5:30 pm, Larry motioned to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91:A-3, II (c) reputation and RSA 91:A-3, II (e) pending litigation. Seconded by Tom, the motion passed by a roll call vote: Larry – aye, Bob – aye, Tom – aye. It passed 3-0.

At 6:20 pm, the meeting returned to public session. Larry opened the public session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry moved to seal the minutes from the first session as it could adversely affect reputation. Seconded by Tom, it passed by a roll call vote: Larry – aye, Bob – aye, Tom – aye. It passed 3-0.

Larry moved to seal the minutes from the second session as it could render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Bob, it passed by a roll call vote: Larry – aye, Bob – aye, Tom – aye. It passed 3-0.

Selectmen's Announcements:

- Larry announced that the work at the Rand Cemetery is about 95% complete. They removed the headstones safely last Friday after multiple hours of work. They shoveled and leveled out 16,000 pounds of crushed stone and stone dust. The headstones were then reset. Wood chips will be added on Friday. They also confirmed that the Rand's daughter was buried in that enclosure. He is working on raising private funds to place a marker. On May 16th, at 8:00 – 8:30 am, the Rindge Veterans Association Honor Guard will do a salute to Colonel Rand.
- Bob announced that the 250th Celebration will be on Friday, June 26th.

Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Minutes:

- Larry moved to approve the payroll for 04.23.2026, 04.30.2026, & 05.07.2026. Seconded by Bob, it passed 2-0-0.
- Bob moved to approve the accounts payable for 04.30.2026 & 05.07.2026. Seconded by Larry, it passed 2-0-0.
- There were no minutes to approve.

Notes/Follow Up: The problems with payroll on 04.23.2026 were resolved. There is an ongoing issue with an employee's health insurance. There was a double payment, and the second check was cancelled. The vendor notified the Town of the error.

Old Business:

Change to Police Detail Rates (RSA 105:9 and 31:95-b): Two options were presented. The first option keeps the ordinance as written except for editing the number of the new rate. The second option removes the language specifying the rate and makes it consistent with the ordinance governing the Fire Department Detail Fees. Larry explained that with the second option, the Board would still approve any rate changes. They briefly discussed increasing police wages and the shortage of police officers. Larry requested correcting the ordinance to change the language "these details will be billed to the Town of Rindge at the Mutual Aid Police Departments' Detail Rate" to state "These details will be billed to the

vendor at the Mutual Aid Police Departments' Detail Rate." Larry and Max agreed that it should be in writing that an officer cannot refuse overtime, then sign up for a detail rate. There was further discussion about other departments billing for details.

Decision: Bob motioned to approve the new police detail rates and approve the second option to change the ordinance and policy language. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Approval of Abatements (RSA 76:16):

Larry motioned to accept the recommendations from Avitar to deny the abatements for Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T001, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T002, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T003, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T004, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T005, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T006, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T007, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T009, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T010, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T011, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T012, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T014, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T020, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T021, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T022, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T023, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T027, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T028, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T029, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T030, and Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T031. Seconded by Bob, it passed 3-0.

Larry motioned to accept the recommendations from Avitar to deny the abatements for Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T032, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T033, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T035, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T038, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T039, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T040, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T042, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T043, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T044, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T063, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T064, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T065, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T069, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T071, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T072, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T073, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T076, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T077, and Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T078. Seconded by Bob, it passed 3-0.

Larry motioned to accept the recommendation from Avitar to grant the abatement for Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T062. Seconded by Bob, it passed 3-0.

Larry motioned to accept the recommendations from Avitar to deny the abatements for Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T079, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T080, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T093, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T094, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T095, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T096, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T097, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T098, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T100, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T101, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T102, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T104, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T105, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T107, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T109, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T110, Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T111, and Map 2 Lot 59 Sub T112. Seconded by Bob, it passed 3-0.

New Business:

Acceptance of Donation from Jaffrey PD (RSA 31:95-e): Larry motioned to accept the donation of a light bar from the Jaffrey Police Department for a police cruiser. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

Camper Permit Application Approval: This permit is for up to 60 days within the dates listed on the permit. Sanitation will be provided via existing house facilities, and neighbors have been notified. The permit can be revoked by the Board at any time.

Decision: Tom motioned to approve the camper permit application for Linda Tower at 31 Coot Bay Drive, Tax Map 19 Lot 11. Seconded by Bob, it passed 3-0.

Special Events Permit Applications (RSA 41:11):

1. Larry motioned to approve the Special Events Permit for the Family Fun Festival/250th Celebration on June 26th at the Rindge Town Common from 5:00 pm to dusk and declare it as an official Town event. Seconded by Tom, it passed 3-0.

The estimated attendance is 500 people, with setup starting at 8:00 am. The event is sponsored by the Rindge Recreation Department and the Rindge Chamber of Commerce. The road closures are outlined on the event map attached to the application; all roads entering the common will be closed with traffic control measures. There will be a police detail and fire/EMS coverage for the event. The application was reviewed and approved by the Fire and Police Chiefs and the DPW Director. Larry reiterated the agreement of manned barricades for the event to eliminate vehicular traffic through the

common. Roberta Oeser, Main Street, recommended that there should be a checkbox on the application to declare certain special events as a Town event for coordination between departments and insurance and liability purposes.

2. Tom motioned to approve the Special Events Permit for Franklin Pierce University's "Raven Row" at Cheshire Field for the NCAA softball regionals and super regionals from May 14th - 17th and May 21st – 22nd. Seconded by Bob, it passed 2-0-1.

The event runs each day from 8:30 am to 9:00 pm with an estimated attendance of 100 people. The purpose of the event is to create a designated alcohol consumption area. No road closures needed and no staffing or service requirements identified. It was signed off by the Police and Fire Chiefs. There was a brief comment about the tenuous relationship between the university and the Town.

Review of Short-Term Rental Licensing & Fee Program (RSA 31:39 & 31:95-b): This agenda item was tabled.

Any Other Official Business: Tom questioned a large expenditure that was charged to the capital reserve account. He does not recall taking a vote to expend from that account. That account authorizes purchases not expenses for maintenance. He is concerned about depleting savings. Bob agreed with Tom and that for now it should come out of the general account. Max stated that he can ask Helene to make a corrective journal entry. Tom asked that he confirms it was not paid twice as well. Max agreed to speak with her tomorrow.

Tom addressed the paving bids and concern with cost of asphalt. He suggested finding alternatives to road preservation, and not use all the asphalt to repave the road but save some for other improvements needed down the road. Bob agreed and suggested consulting with Mike. Max agreed to speak with him tomorrow during the department head meeting.

Citizens' Forum: Larry opened the forum at 7:13 pm and closed the forum at 7:13 pm. There was no one for Citizen's Forum.

Informational Items, Communications, and Updates:

At 7:15 pm, Bob motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Seconded by Tom, it passed by a roll call vote: Larry – aye, Bob – aye, Tom – aye. It passed 3-0.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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