Select Board Meeting
August 20, 2026
Present: Danny Taylor (Board Member), Denise Randall (Board Member), David Bemis (Board Member), Krista Gay (Board Member), Janet Perry (Board Member), Amber Stevens (Town Clerk), Christian Rogerson, Don Capponcelli

No FACT Tv present.

Call to order 7:04pm

No adjustments to agenda

Meeting Minutes
Denise makes a motion to accept the minutes from prior meeting. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Public Comments
David reads written public comment from April Lyman. April states she would like fill from the ditches. Danny told her it hasn't been done yet. April asked Matt to put it behind Krista's house.

Act 184 Good Standing Certificate
The Board previously voted on this on JUly 22, 2026. David makes a motion to ratify this. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

David makes a motion to ratify the fiscal planning grant. Denise seconds. All in favor.

David makes a motion to ratify tax rate of 1.67. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

These were added to a meeting and needed to be ratified.

Board & Officials
Don: First Wednesday in September at 6pm will be regular cemetery commission budget.

Amber: Nothing for treasure. Tax bills are coming in. Everything going well. AS Clark invoice for 3 culverts are in accounts payable. Came to $37,572. Danny said he has questions. His question is that Matt said that if they come in cheaper they charge less, but they didn't follow verbal specs, so he thought it should be less. Danny describes things that were changed.

Denise asks why community center bill is higher than the other buildings. Don said there were 2 weeks he let the heat puimp run. Amber said this amount is pretty consistent.

Krista: Gave update on upcoming events at community center and Meetinghouse. Gave update on School's community forum. Discussion about school.

Christian: Was called as the health officer re: a bad smell near the pond on the lower road. THis was after the rain. HIs suspicion was this was from the beaver pond. Janet said the water was low due to taking the water out. Christian said there's a lot of trash in the woods next to the pond. Christian shows pictures to the board. It could be a health issue because it's right next to the pond.

Matt went to W&W for a flashlight for $15. Denise asked if he has a credit card to purchase things on line. Denise said not a good use of resources to drive that far to get a flashlight.

Roads

Route 35 is open.
Danny had questions. Matt isn't here so he will need to wait until next meeting.

Danny reached out to owner of property near meeting house. She's fine with agreement between Meetinghouse Committee to cut the brush. Danny said he thinks we should get it done. Janet said problem is we don't have a chipper. Danny said they can put it in town truck and bring it to town. There's a plan to cut down all of the trees and fill it in. Danny will stop and see Matt and Jay.

Amber said a complaint came in. Matt mowed and cut down all the daylilies and cut down the fence in the middle of it. It was right where the daylilies were. Amber asked them to send a letter.

Krista brings up instances of the things being cut in the town right of way. Says that just becuse something is within the right of way it shouldn't be an excuse to cut or damage things that aren't causing a problem.

Discussion of mowing invoice. Danny will look into what other towns pay.

Janet says that we have a license now for radios. Good for 10 years.

Janet gives bids for propane. Cota & Cota $2,000 for hookup and then $5,000 to buy the tank. James & James didn't get back. HB ballpark figure was between $2,000-$12,000. Bart energy gave an estimate of $1,250. Dead RIver has a $30/month rental fee. Disucssion of fees.

Danny says only benefit of owning it is you can buy fuel from anyone you want. Danny makes a motion to go with Bart energy for $1,250. David seconds. ALl in favor. Motion passes.

Denise asks if we have sign on truck. Amber hasn't heard back from Ink Factory in Claremont. Amber will call back on Monday. Janet said Matt called and also couldn't get ahold of them.

Discussion of town garage generator quotes. Denise makes a motion to have Janet contact Bart energy regarding set up the propane tank for the generator and to inquire if they have a service contract for generator. Krista seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Janet asks if Bolt is going to hook up the generator. Don will talk to him about it.

Janet said she met with Colin re: a culvert on Brookline Road. Colin wants to meet with us. He will let us know a date that works for him. Janet will coordinate.

[David leaves meeting at 7:55]

No need for executive session.

Clerk of the Works Update

Don submitted a punchlist (attached). Denise if we can be at Garage for September meeting. Discussion about timing of projects.

Select Board temporarily distracted by mouse.

Don asks Board if they felt it would take a board decision to finish wages out of ARPA instead of MERP. Krista asks if there are restrictions that would prevent us from using ARPA money. Danny said if we can't use it out of ARPA, we can use town funds. Janet said she doesn't think it's a problem as long as everything assigned to ARPA is paid. Janet makes a motion to pay Don from the ARPA funds as long as all the other bills have been met. Danny seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Don says we're within budget.

Further Business

Amber will change shed roof bin she puts out.

Amber said we need to purge the checklist within 90 days of election. So after Novemebr 3 she would like to have a meeting to purge the checklist 30 mintues before Select Board meeting for voting in March.

Krista makes a motion to adjourn. Janet seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Adjourns at 8:09pm.