

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Steve Barrup, Rick Gosselin, Karen Camber, Hannah Roberts, Bob Best, Audra Pitts, Steve Edgerly, Mike Baraw, Ernest Choquette, Dan Gauvin.

Steve Barrup called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Rick Gosselin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Steve Barrup introduced Karen Camber, the newly elected Selectboard member.

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

Rick Gosselin nominated Steve Barrup for Selectboard Chair. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The list of Selectboard-appointed town officers was reviewed. Steve Barrup made a motion to tentatively renew all appointments, with the intention of verifying that they all still wish to keep their position.

The Selectboard reviewed and signed a one-year contract with the Newport Ambulance Service.

Road Commissioners' Report – Plowing has slowed down substantially. Mike has solicited advice from multiple companies on how best to fix the section of road stretching from the railroad tracks on Cross Rd to the railroad tracks on Vance Hill. He plans to repave as much of that section as possible in 2026. Mike has also begun quoting new 10-wheeler trucks. The 2023 Freightliner had some maintenance done and will have more done in the coming weeks.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Water and sewer systems are operating well. The annual sewer system inspection will occur in the next couple months. Patenaude's pump station will be inspected in the same time frame. Two solar panels are still laying flat. The town clerk will call AllEarth Renewables for an update on repairs. The new attendant at the recycling center is going well. Charlie will stay on indefinitely.

Rick reviewed the Sheriffs' Report.

Steve Barrup made a motion to approve warrants, bank statements, and journal entries. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The selectboard instructed the Town Clerk to advertise for lawn care bids. The selectboard reviewed an EFAR Financial Report and instructed the Town Clerk to sign it. After some additional discussion regarding the dog ordinance, the selectboard asked to solicit advice from Renee Falconer regarding how best to update it. Roads will be posted to overweight trucks on Monday.

Voted to enter executive session for a personnel issue at 6:12pm.

Voted to return to open session at 6:27pm.

Steve Barrup made a motion to institute 5% raises for all employees effective 03/04/2026, with the exception of the Assistant Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, who will receive a raise to \$22.50/hour. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Vote to adjourn 6:28pm.