

Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am

Members in attendance: N. Gorski, J. D'Angelo, E. Couture  
Visitors: C. Mello, R. Regolo

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
2. The board discussed the Public Works budget request for the 26/27 Fiscal Year.

Discussion started with the replacement of the tri-axle truck which handles trash hauling. The current vehicle has reached the end of its anticipated life. There are some additional challenges in the long-term for trash hauling from the perspective of personnel and regional coordination.

Next the Board discussed the replacement of two tractors that handle roadside vegetation control with a single tractor that can be utilized for multiple purposes. It would also serve as a starting point for a more adaptable approach to equipment purchases.

Replacement of a pickup truck with plow was discussed next, this equipment piece is one of the most utilized and is reaching the end of its life.

Other capital items were discussed as part of potential expansions of public works responsibilities to handle maintenance of town properties.

The purchase of a second hook-lift truck was also discussed to replace an existent 2006 truck. This would again align public works to a more adaptable equipment approach.

The board reached consensus that maintaining the capital investments is a prudent approach at this time.

It was noted that additional funding of approximately \$40,000 would be needed to construct the already approved transfer station dumpster covers.

Operational budget was then discussed. The approach to purchases and operations was discussed.

Cemetery maintenance has been taken over by public works in coordination with the Town Historian and Historical Society.

Maintenance line items were also discussed. Rough weather leads to maintenance and replacement of equipment, also building maintenance has lagged at times. Work is underway to streamline maintenance and replacement of equipment, including the purchase of heating fuel and maintenance of heating/cooling systems.

Of note, guard rail replacement was discussed. Upgrading and replacing existing post and wire guard rails will be necessary in the future.

3. The board discussed meeting schedule for the following week.
4. The board adjourned at 11:25 am.