

Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Thursday,
March 05th, 2026, 6:00 pm

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The board began discussion with representatives of the Park & Recreation Commission about their budget request for FY 2026/2027.

Starting with operating, the board discussed the increase in costs related to field maintenance. In particular, the specific components of the maintenance contracts and the anticipated increase due to the new field coming on-line at Killingworth Recreation Park (Eric Auer Park). The board also briefly discussed fees being assessed to out of town user groups for field use and the remittance of such fees to the general fund.

This contributed to a discussion of the cost-benefit of bringing some work in-house versus continuing to contract outside vendors to do that work. The cost of adding equipment to the town's inventory of equipment and specialized services was noted. The board agreed to discuss the matter further with Public Works at another meeting to be held on March 09th. The increasing costs of other contracted services, such as waste removal, was also noted.

Discussion of Capital requests for the upcoming fiscal year then began. It was noted that the updated capital request stemmed from discussion with the First Selectman and Finance Director the previous week. As the total costs of projects in the proposed capital budget were approaching bondable levels, the First Selectman and Finance director asked the Park & Recreation commission members to come back with an updated proposal.

The board discussed the cost benefit in rough terms of the updated capital projects list. A large part of the discussion focused on restroom facilities at Sheldon and KRP to address the rising costs of contracting portable units. Discussion of bonding practices and practicality were also had.

3. Discussion of the merits of bonding briefly took place given the total anticipated costs of capital projects in the current fiscal year.

The board also discussed getting Town Counsel's input on the remittance of fees and other funds to the General Fund by all town committees, as well as the oversight responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

4. The board adjourned at 7:00 pm.