

SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025
7PM - MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING - HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Selectboard was called to order at 7p.m. by C. Callaghan, Chair.

Also present were: Rob Houseman, Town Manager, Jennie Chamberlain, Selectboard Member, Jarett Berke, Secretary

Absent: Athos Rassias, Selectboard Member, Joanna Whitcomb, Vice Chair

1. Opening of Meeting

a. Call to Order

C. Callaghan called the meeting to order.

2. Public Hearing

None

3. Agenda Review

None

4. Announcements/recognition

None

5. Public Comment

a. Public may address the Board

Margaret Bragg, 108 Greensboro Road had hoped to end Town Meeting by remembering and honoring David Suter who had died a few days before. She referenced an article from the NY Times sharing Justice Suter's warning that ignorance of the constitution can lead to the death of democracy.

6. Business Requiring Discussion

a. Organizational meeting for 2025-2026 Selectboard

- Election of Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
- Board/Committee Assignments

This item is deferred as two Selectboard members are not in attendance.

b. Statutory Boards and Committees Review

As requested, a chart of all Town Boards was included in the packet for the Boards review.

c. Request for Proposals (RFP) – review consultant services and design, cost estimation, financing strategy, and public outreach for the West Wheelock and South Main Street corridor improvements

A draft RFP was included in the meeting packet for the Boards review.

R. Houseman addressed the item. Discussion ensued about a compressed timeline and indicating that within the RFP.

d. Warrant Article 22, review and approve draft of Selectboard transmittal letter

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“Reject any expansion of taxpayer funding for private education until we have full accountability, transparency, and a sustainable funding plan that ensures no further strain on public schools or local property taxpayers”.

A simple draft transmittal letter was included in the meeting packet for the Boards consideration.

The letter will be sent to Governor Ayotte.

e. Warrant Article 23 review

To call on the Hanover Town Manager and the Hanover Police Chief NOT to enter into or sign any agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 287(g) program.

Note that this warrant article is nonbinding guidance. A copy of Town Ordinance 38 was included in the meeting packet. If the Selectboard would like to consider moving forward with discussions on this warrant article, R. Houseman recommends that the Senior leadership team at the Police Department, the Town Attorney, and Town Manager be given 45 days to review Article 23 and Town Ordinance 38. The focus of the review is to determine if any changes to Ordinance 38 are warranted.

f. Warrant Article 24 review

“All meetings of the Selectboard be available for remote participation, either by video or audio, in real time, through the use of appropriate technology, including but not limited to conference calls, video conferencing, or online meeting platforms. This requirement will apply to all regular and special meetings, and it will ensure that town residents have the ability to participate in Selectboard proceedings remotely”

Note that this warrant article is nonbinding guidance. If the Selectboard wishes to move in this direction, R. Houseman recommends that Staff be given 30 days to evaluate how best to transition to a hybrid meeting format.

As the discussion around Zoom webinar usage for Selectboard meetings occurred and R. Houseman noted he will reach out to JAM for information about how to best make it work, Nick from JAM, who was running the meeting, made some comments to answer questions how they run it in other towns.

7. Town Manager Monthly Report

None

C. Callaghan reviewed Town Meeting voting and elections with a staff member present.

8. Business Requiring Action

a. Recommendation to review the proposed Rate and Fee Schedule on Monday, June 2, and to Set Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, to approve the Proposed Rate and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026

At 7:29 pm J. Berke MOVED to set a Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2025, to review and approve the Proposed Rates and Fees. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor

b. Approval of May 5, 2025, Selectboard Minutes

At 7:34 pm J. Berke MOVED to Approve the minutes of May 5 as amended. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor

c. Approval of item i to iii Consent

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i. Donation - Police Department

\$500.00 was donated from a member of Dartmouth College's Class of 2010 who expressed remorse for the way he treated a Hanover Police Officer when he was a student. This donation was given as a form of amends.

ii. Donation - Fire Department

2006 Chevy Silverado donated by Rob Sully for training purposes

iii. Donation - Etna Library

\$1,000.00 was donated to the Etna Library from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Hall

At 7:35 pm J. Berke MOVED to Approve the consent agenda. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor

9. Selectboard Reports

- J. Berke
 - Deer Committee wishes to come to the June 2nd meeting to discuss expanding the program
 - Downtown group
 - Trustees
- J. Whitcomb
 - No Report
- C. Callaghan
 - CIPC
 - Discussion about library projects and funding
 - R. Houseman gave a brief update about Ledyard Park and will prepare a presentation for a Selectboard meeting
- A. Rassias
 - No Report
- J. Chamberlain
 - Bike Walk
 - Planning Board
 - Sustainable Hanover
 - Conservation Commission

Other Business

R. Houseman made comments about the Planning Board Chair, conferences he has attended, and announced a new Town Clerk was sworn in today (staff member present).

10. Adjournment

The board did not need to attend a non-public session.

J. Berke MOVED to adjourn at 7:56pm. J. Chamberlain SECONDED.

All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jarett Berke, Secretary

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SUMMARY

Item 8a

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Item 8b

At 7:34 pm J. Berke MOVED to Approve the minutes of May 5 as amended. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor

Item 8c

At 7:35 pm J. Berke MOVED to Approve the consent agenda. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor

Item 10

J. Berke MOVED to adjourn at 7:56pm. J. Chamberlain SECONDED. All in favor.