

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026**

Present: Iris Campbell – Chairman, James Bailey – Selectman, Richard Pelletier – Selectman, and Laura Buono, Town Administrator

At the opening of the meeting the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Others present: Kevin Anctil

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Selectman Pelletier made a motion to appoint Iris Campbell as Chairman of the Board for the next 12 months. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

3. WINDSOR CONTRACT

Chairman Campbell talked to the Board about the Windsor contract for police and fire services recommending using the State population for the calculations. Selectman Pelletier doesn't feel the population should be part of the factor. Chairman Campbell asked Selectman Pelletier if the population is not used for the calculation, then what would be used. Selectman Pelletier said that is why he is recommending forming a committee to talk about it.

Chairman Campbell said the Fire Department on average services Windsor about 45 times a year and the Police Department an average 20 times a year. There is no information on ambulance or rescue squad calls. She said if Hillsborough doubles the money for dispatch from \$10 to \$20 (current contract is 15 years old) and double the police, \$20,000 could be added to the Windsor bill. That would result in an estimated revenue of \$100,000. In the last two years the rescue squad has collected over \$200,000 in revenue in total.

Chairman Campbell is recommending using the State resource for populations for all the towns that have a contract with the town. The State updates populations every 2 years. The contracts have worked for several years; and any adjustments would need to be considered for the 2027 budget year. Chairman Campbell does not see the need to establish a committee. Ms. Buono recommends all billing be based off the calendar year, at this time Windsor is billed from July to June. Further discussion will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

4. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Typically, after Town Meeting the Selectmen will choose the committee's they wish to be part of, for 2026 the committee assignments are as follows:

- Selectman Bailey – Planning Board
- Selectman Pelletier - Economic Development Commission
- Chairman Campbell – Historic Commission

5. SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT

Ms. Buono said during the December 23rd presentation the Board wanted to know if Kearsarge Energy has their number with Eversource, it was confirmed that they do and they are in the queue to go.

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the PILOT agreement with Kearsarge Energy as outlined in their December 23, 2025, presentation for a solar array to be built on private commercial property. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

6. TREASURER

Deputy Treasurer Gail Crimmins is recommended as Treasurer. Gail has been Deputy Treasurer since 2015.

Chairman Campbell made a motion to appoint Gail Crimmins to the position of Treasurer with an annual compensation of \$2,000 beginning April 1, 2026. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The town will advertise for a Deputy Treasurer.

7. MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated February 18, 2026. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated February 25, 2026, as amended. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

8. MANIFEST

Chairman Campbell made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 20940 – 20947 a/k/a Voucher 12 in the amount of \$118,203.27 (includes 109 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 035540 a/k/a Voucher 16 in the amount of \$2000.00. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the consent agenda for March 23, 2026. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- 2025 Denied Abatements – Map 16 Lot 92; Map 14 Lot 388; Map 20 Lot 10
- Intent to Cut – Map 4 Lots 49 & 49-1 Cooledge Rd.; Map 4 Lot 45-1 Stowe Mtn. Rd.; Map 4 Lot 40 Stowe Rd.
- Elderly Exemptions (Unqualified) – Map 25 Lot 55
- Elderly Exemptions (Qualified) – Map 9 Lot 96; Map 5 Lot 107; Map 11B Lot 275
- Veterans Exemption – Map 7 Lot 200

10. WOODS WOOLEN MILL – RECLAMATION

Ms. Buono explained the contract to reclaim, \$15,000 was budgeted for the town's portion toward the reclamation. Ms. Buono met with the engineer who said part of the money in the grant for the reclamation cannot be used, which means the town needs to come up with a total of \$60,000 which may be lowered because the money is

being used for planting shrubbery. There is money in the Dana Crane fund which has a little over \$60,000. The reclamation would qualify because it will be used for beautification.

Kevin Ancil asked for details about the project. Ms. Buono explained Environmental Protection Agency tore down the building and dug out all the soil. There is a team made up of the Department of Environmental Services, an engineer from Sanborn Head and Streamworks that is doing the landscaping. All this work was completed from grants at no cost to the town until recently. The area will be used as a park.

11. WATER & SEWER OFFICE SPACE

Chairman Campbell asked about the status on repairing the office from water damage. Ms. Buono said the repairs are underway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

A true record
Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Iris Campbell, Chairman

James C. Bailey, III, Selectman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman