



Select Board Office - Town of Mason

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Select Board Meeting 4/14/2026

Approved Minutes

Present: Select Board members Kate Batcheller, Rob Doyle, Antje Skorupan; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Accountant Brenda Wiley; Conservation Commission Chair Bob Larochelle

Residents: Chris Bader, Maureen Vaillancourt, Joe Vaillancourt, Ann Moser

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Select Board Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Approvals:

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 3/24/2026 SB-PD meeting – Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.
- Minutes of 3/24/2026 SB-FD & EMS meeting – Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.
- Minutes of 3/24/2026 SB meeting – Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.

New Business:

- YTD Budget reviewed.
 - Line item #4155-08 (Wages-Ins Disability Reimbursed) – Not an up to date representation as payment received from Health Trust is entered after the deduction is made.
 - “Government Buildings” – Will need to monitor this budget. The insulation project cost and half of the cost of the windows project has already been applied. The unexpected septic expense at the Mann House has also been applied.
 - Line item #4194-14 (Contracted Seasonal) – Discuss contract for the 2027 budget.
 - “Police Department” – To be discussed further at the next Police Department meeting.
 - Line item #4290-01 (Emergency Mgmt) – The cost for CodeRed has already been applied.

- Kate motioned to schedule a public hearing at the Mann House on May 12, 2026 at 8:00p to consider the requested removal of a Zoning Board of Appeals member, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.
 - Jen will publish notifications as required.

- Conservation Commission (ConCom) Chair Bob Laroche met with the Select Board to discuss:
 - Closing and dissolving the ConCom's Rail Road checking fund account and transferring the balance to the ConCom's general fund.
 - Kate motioned to transfer the balance in the ConCom's Rail Road checking fund account to the ConCom general fund and proceed with closing the ConCom Rail Road checking fund account, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.
 - Obtaining permission to allocate \$40k from the land protection fund to acquire an executory interest in the Anderson property on Morse Rd.
 - Kate motioned to support the Conservation Commission's decision to allocate \$40k from the land protection fund to acquire an executory interest in the Anderson property on Morse Rd, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.
 - The Timber Sales Agreement between the Town of Mason and Joseph Matthews Logging was reviewed and signed. Jen was asked to contact Forester Patrick Kenney for a copy of the standing contract between himself and the Conservation Commission. Jen will work with Joseph Matthews Logging to obtain necessary documents for the approval of a Form PA-7.
 - To discuss the recommendation from Bob Laroche to appoint Chris Bader as a Conservation Commission alternate. After meeting with Chris Bader, appointment papers were signed and Chris was sworn in as a Conservation Commission alternate.

- Maureen Vaillancourt met to follow up on her request to restore her property to what was believed to be two pre-existing lots. Maureen was informed that after further research, the property has been consistently conveyed in the chain of title as a single parcel. While historical tax maps may depict the property as two lots, tax maps are maintained for assessment purposes only and do not establish or confirm a legal lot status. The property will remain as is and Maureen was instructed to apply to the Planning Board if she is seeking to divide her property.

- Kate motioned to accept the terms of the Highway Safety Grant as presented in the amount of \$18,948.23, second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.

- Kate motioned to accept \$4,000.00 from the NH Department of Safety as unanticipated funds for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program reimbursement for the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), second from Rob. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye.

Old Business:

- Selectman Skorupan updated the Select Board regarding Planning Board MAS 01-2026.
 - It was noted in the recently submitted NRPC staff report that a permit application for the removal of more than 1,000 cubic yards of gravel was submitted to the Select Board; this has not occurred and Ex-Officio Antje will request NRPC to make a correction to reflect this.
- Firehouse Subgrants Update - Rob has received a partial list from Fire Chief Rantamaki and will begin working on an application for four sets of non-PFAS protective gear.

Informational:

- No new build permits have been received since the last Select Board meeting.
- No new Zoning Board or Planning Board applications were received since the last Select Board meeting.

Public: N/A

Non-Public: N/A

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Antje. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Rob-aye, Antje-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant