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Select Board: Alfred Hanson, Chairman
Rick Bixby, Vice Chair
Michael J. Smith

Select Board Public Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026 6:00 PM

I. 6:00 PM Open the Public Meeting / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Alfred Hanson called the public meeting to order.

Select Board present: Alfred Hanson, Rick Bixby and Mike Smith via Zoom

Public present: Judy Newman-Rogers, Herm Blanchette, Michelle Courser, Martha Mical and Ed Mical.

II. Select Board Business:

a. Update on the Highway Garage

Building: Herm Blanchette Director of Public Works informed the Select Board that he has received the approval to replace the insulation in the garage. He noted that the siding and roof will be removed to reinstall the insulation. He stated that Primex will send a check to the town. Herm Blanchette recapped the cost breakdown:

Insurecom will cost \$545,189.93 Reassurance Plumbing and heating \$81,500 KM Electric \$139,500 C&W Garage doors \$26,940. Totaling \$793,129.93. Herm Blanchette advised the Select Board that the extras are water filtration \$8,500, adding two additional windows, three large overhead fans \$2,000, AC resistor \$6,500, replacement heat pumps, replacement of rotted panels \$1,553.78 Totaling \$34,553.78. Herm Blanchette stated that the funds for the extras could come from the building CRF. Herm Blanchette explained that the contractors are ready to start.

Vehicles: Herm Blanchette advised the Select Board that a truck was picked up last week after it was gutted and replaced. He stated that two other trucks are in Vermont awaiting parts. He noted that there is one remaining truck that will be repaired at Hillsboro Ford. Herm Blanchette stated that the backhoe is done and the 550 is also done. He stated that the big pieces of equipment are still being repaired.

Herm Blanchette thanked the Select Board and the residents of Warner for this support in this matter. Herm Blanchette recapped progress on other Public Works projects. Alfred Hanson requested the details on the extras that Herm spoke about for the Select Board to consider. Alfred Hanson suggested a work session meeting Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM to discuss the extra improvements that were mentioned previously. The Select Board agreed.

b. Department Heads:

Michelle Courser Town Clerk, Forfeiture Fines for Unlicensed Dogs

Michelle Courser presented a warrant for the Select Board to consider regarding the dogs that are not licensed. She explained that every year she sends out civil forfeitures to residents who have not licensed their dogs. She advised the Select Board that there are currently 90 unlicensed dogs.

c. Cell Tower Update

No discussion

1 **d. Update on Open Town Positions; Processes, Review**

2 i. Land Use

3 ii. Human Services Director (Welfare Director)

4 Alfred Hanson explained that an update on open Town positions should be ready at the next meeting

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6 **e. Howe Lane – Resident volunteer to mow “Weaver Rd”, Waiver from Liability Form**

7 Alfred Hanson stated that there is a waiver of liability that residents would be required to sign. Rick Bixby
8 stated that he needs additional time to review the document. Alfred Hanson suggested adding this topic to
9 the work session. Mike Smith stated that he has not received any information on the liability waiver or the
10 work session.

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12 **f. Zoom Attendance Procedure, David Carle Tabled to June 23, 2026**

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14 **g. Raffle Permit Request, Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary Magdalen Center**

15 The Select Board granted the request from the Knights of Columbus to hold a raffle on June 20, 2026.
16 Mike Smith stated that he is not familiar with the request and he reiterated that he didn't receive the
17 information until yesterday.

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19 **Alfred Hanson made a motion seconded by Mike Smith to approve the Knights of Columbus raffle**
20 **permit. Roll Call Vote Hanson YES Bixby YES Smith YES**

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22 Mike Smith angrily repeated that he gets 1 email a month and that he just received agenda information
23 yesterday. Alfred Hanson explained that the information is in Mike Smith's box at Town Hall. Mike Smith
24 asserted that the information was emailed to him last Friday. He stated that the information must be provided
25 to the Select Board 3 days in advance.

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27 **III. Select Board Other Business**

28 Mike Smith insisted on knowing how the Select Board wants to proceed regarding the Town Administrator
29 position. He stated several times that it has been vacant for a year. Alfred Hanson explained that they are
30 not ready at this time. Mike Smith stated that the advertisement should have been written months ago. Alfred
31 Hanson stated that he will take that under advisement. Mike Smith stated that the town voted on this and the
32 Select Board needs to work faster.

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34 Alfred Hanson will distribute a draft of a Professional Employment Performance Review that he has been
35 working on. He asked the Select Board to review it and discuss it at the next meeting.

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37 Mike Smith asked what the June 11th non-public meeting pertains to. Alfred Hanson explained that the Select
38 Board will be discussing the vacant Land Use position. Mike Smith reiterated that he has not received any
39 information on the meeting. He reiterated that he is not receiving timely notification. Rick Bixby and Alfred
40 Hanson assured Mike that all three Selectmen were sent the emails. Mike Smith insisted loudly that he has
41 not received any emails.

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43 **IV. Public Comment**

44 Ed Mical asked for clarification on the unanticipated funds that will be received from Primex. He inquired if
45 a public hearing needs to be scheduled. Alfred Hanson stated that additional information will be available
46 after the work session.

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48 Judy Newman-Rogers stated that it would be helpful for a board member who is unable to attend a meeting
49 to please let her know because if another member is unable to attend there cannot be a meeting.

1 Mike Smith stated that in the past information has always been emailed to the Select Board. He stressed he
2 should be emailed the information. He stated he gets 1 email a month.

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4 **V. Consent Agenda June 9, 2026**

5 Motion by the Warner Select Board to approve the following previously signed consent agenda:
6 A request to the trustee of the trust funds for \$8,093.09 from the Property Reval Capital Reserve Fund to pay
7 an invoice to Avitar Associates.

8 Motion to approve a request from the Town Treasurer to withdraw \$150,000 from the American Tower
9 account to be deposited into Sugar River Operations account to cover the payment to the Kearsarge Regional
10 School District.

11 **Alfred Hanson made a motion seconded by Rick Bixby to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Roll**
12 **Call Vote Bixby YES Hanson YES Smith ABSTAIN**

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14 *Discussion on the motion:*

15 Mike Smith stated that he did not receive information regarding the consent agenda.

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17 **VI. Manifest June 9, 2026**

18 Motion for the Warner Select Board to approve the following previously signed manifest: Accounts payable
19 check numbers 12650 through 12684 dated June 2, 2026 in the amount of \$420,346.14 which includes a
20 payment to the Kearsarge Regional School District in the amount of \$367,743.

21 Motion to authorize the Select Board to approve and order the Treasurer to sign the following manifest:
22 accounts payable check numbers 12685 through 12688 dated June 8, 2026 in the amount of \$56,762.03 for
23 the June 11, 2026 biweekly payroll deposits. Biweekly payroll check numbers 4247 through 4250 and
24 deposit check numbers E03298 through E03328 dated June 11, 2026 for a net payroll of \$43,268.72

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26 **Alfred Hanson made a motion seconded by Rick Bixby to approve the June 9, 2026 Manifest motion as**
27 **read. Roll Call Bixby YES Hanson YES Smith NO**

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29 *Discussion on the motion:*

30 Mike Smith stated that he did not receive information regarding the manifest.

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32 **VII. Minutes May 26, 2026 Tabled** until the next meeting

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34 **VIII. Non-Public Session** if needed (RSA 91-A:3 II (b))

35 **Motion to move to nonpublic session to discuss the hiring of any person as a public employee.**

36 **Motion by: HANSON**

37 **Second by: BIXBY**

38 **Roll Call Vote: Hanson YES Bixby YES Smith NO**

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40 Moved to non-public session at 6:47 PM.

41 Respectfully submitted on 6/11/26 by Tracy Doherty

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