

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman McCartin called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Select Board Members Present:** Shirley McCartin, Chuck Sackett and Jeremy Hair

**Town Staff/Officials Present:** Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Treasurer – Sheila Foote, Fire Chief – Arthur Heath, Police Chief – John Semertgakis, Tax Collector – Maria Sanders, Deputy Tax Collector – Karen Youngman

**Public Present:** Tom and Lisa Mantz, Scott Brown, Bob Giuda, Cami Wheeler, Peter Boncek

**SELECT BOARD MANIFEST:** *J. Hair moved to approve the March 4, 2026 manifest. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *C. Sackett moved to approve the February 18, 2026 minutes as written. J. Hair seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

*J. Hair moved to approve the February 18, 2026 public hearing minutes as written. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bob Guida informed the Board that he will serve as Moderator at Town Meeting in place of Lesa Romano. Peter Boncek shared his thoughts regarding the use of ballots at Town Meeting and suggested ways the Town might modify the meeting format. Librarian Maria Sanders thanked the Rumney Library for its donation of books to the Joseph Patch Library. Scott Brown also offered comments for the Board's consideration.

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer Sheila Foote was present at the meeting and provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$378,566.07 after tonight's approved manifest of \$28,146.05.

The Town of Warren Town Clerk Account balance is \$3,500.00.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$654,826.43.

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

Tax Collector, Maria Sanders was present and provided the following reports and information for the Board's consideration. M. Sanders also explained that 8 properties were in jeopardy of being deeded.

Collections Summary for the month of February 2026 (Printed March 4, 2026)

- a. \$30,237.93 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$28,321.64 in principal; \$634.51 in interest and penalties; and \$1,371.78 in credits to be applied to 2026 P01 bill.)

Year to Date Collections Summary (Printed March 4, 2026)

- a. \$120,377.83 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$116,309.60 in principal; \$1,341.60 in interest and penalties; and \$2,726.63 in credits to be applied to 2026 P01 bill.)

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

Facilities Manager George Russell was not present at the meeting; however, a written report was submitted. He reported that he has been plowing and salting as needed. The Town Hall will be set up for Town Meeting beginning Thursday, March 5. Mr. Russell also noted that he assisted with delivering Town Reports.

Regarding the Transfer Station, Mr. Russell reported that one bale of aluminum cans was produced. He also attended a webinar titled "Why Food Donation Works" for NH DES credit toward his operator license renewal. Town Reports will be available for pickup at the Transfer Station this weekend.

**FIRE CHIEF:**

Fire Chief Arthur Heath reported on recent department activity. This included a medical call on February 21 for a sick person, a snowmobile accident on February 22, and two calls on March 2—one for a cover truck response for Piermont when they were unable to respond, and another for chest pain. As an EMR, Chief Heath also reported that he drove Plymouth's ambulance to Speare Hospital.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

Police Chief John Semertgakis reported on recent department activity.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Town Administrator provided a brief report on recent activity, noting that he has been managing day-to-day operations and Right-to-Know requests. The office is currently undergoing IT upgrades. Annual reporting to the Department of Labor has been completed, along with the Boundary and Annexation Survey.

The Administrator informed the Board that he has been in contact with the Department of Revenue Administration and Town Counsel in preparation for Town Meeting. He noted that the Candidate Forum was well attended and thanked Charlie Chandler for moderating, as well as the candidates for participating.

The Administrator acknowledged a limited number of volunteers for Town Report delivery and indicated that efforts will be made to distribute reports at high-traffic locations throughout Town. A. Albro also thanked Tom and Janine Maher for delivering reports to Clifford Brook, Moses Road, and surrounding areas.

The Administrator informed the Board that the Kick-Off Meeting for the Main Street Demolition project is scheduled for Friday, with the project required to be completed by the end of June. Finally, the Administrator stated that he is looking forward to Town Meeting and is well prepared and excited to present a budget that includes a reduced impact on taxpayers compared to last year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Selectman Hair indicated there would be no updates regarding the EMS Regionalization Project until after all member communities have held their Town Meetings
- b) The Administrator reiterated information shared during his report regarding the Main Street Demolition projects.
- c) The Administrator provided an opportunity for discussion ahead of Town Meeting on matters related to warrant articles or the budget. There were no questions, concerns, or comments.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board reviewed recent correspondence, including an invitation to participate in a Flood Insurance Rate Map meeting with FEMA and the United States Geological Survey on March 17, 2026.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

*J. Hair moved to enter into nonpublic session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c). The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board entered into nonpublic session at 5:20 PM.*

*C. Sackett moved to exit nonpublic session and return to public session at 5:48 PM. The motion was seconded by S. McCartin. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

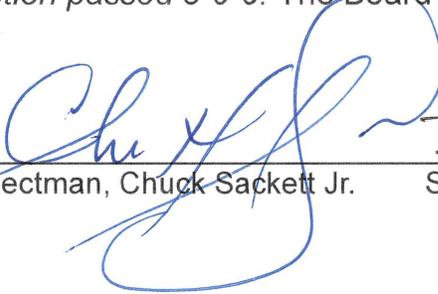
*S. McCartin moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session for 40 years, pursuant*

to RSA 91-A:3, III, as it was determined that the divulgence of the information discussed would likely adversely affect the reputation of an individual other than a member of the Board. Given the unique dynamics of a small-town community, where information can quickly become personal and impactful, the Board affirmed that long-term confidentiality is essential to preserving the privacy, dignity, and reputation of the individual involved. The motion was seconded by J. Hair. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Upon returning to public session, the Board took action to approve a payment plan for delinquent taxes discussed during nonpublic session.

**ADJOURN:**

S. McCartin moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by J. Hair. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board adjourned at 5:34 PM.

  
Selectman, Chuck Sackett Jr.

  
Selectman, Jeremy Hair

  
Chairwoman, Shirley McCartin