

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 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, Warren Village School Chairman – Donald Bagley, Deputy Tax Collector – Karen Youngman

Public Present: Tom and Lisa Mantz, Justin Monninger, Donna Bagley, Tom Babbit, Dottie Gove

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: *J. Hair moved to approve the February 18, 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 4, 2026 minutes as written. J. Hair seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

C. Sackett moved to approve February 10, 2026 Budget Hearing minutes as written. J. Hair seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Hair – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dottie Gove informed the Board that Parks and Recreation's Winter Fest was a great success and over 100 people participated in ice skating, sledding, s'more making and other activities. She thanked the Fire Department and volunteers for making sure the ice rink was in great shape. D. Gove stated there was a dance at the Town Hall sponsored by WVS PTO and \$500 was raised and used to pay the band.

Justin Monninger reminded the audience that Parks and Recreation also had square dancing lessons on February 20.

Don Bagley informed the Board that the school budget and necessary Town Meeting documents were posted.

Justin Monninger asked whether Frank from Habitat for Humanity was invited to Town Meeting to speak. The Administrator confirmed that he had reached out to Frank from

Habitat for Humanity.

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 \$382,804.22 after tonight's approved manifest of \$163,913.00.

The Town of Warren Town Clerk Account balance is \$3,713.00.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$652,887.59.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Collector, Maria Sanders was present and provided the following reports and information for the Board's consideration.

Collections Summary for the month of February 2026 (Printed February 18, 2026)

- a. \$14,525.11 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$13,207.54 in principal; \$195.79 in interest and penalties; and \$1,121.78 in credits to be applied to 2026 P01 bill.)

Year to Date Collections Summary (Printed February 18, 2026)

- a. \$104,665.01 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$101,285.50 in principal; \$902.88 in interest and penalties; and \$2,476.63 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 provided. The main water feed to the Town Office froze up last week and it has been thawed out. The water will be left on a trickle at the Town Hall to prevent additional freezing. Mr. Russell also noted that a portion of the Town Hall roadway would be closed next year. George thanked Sheila for reviewing Town Report submissions.

Regarding the Transfer Station, George Russell reported that one bale of plastic was produced and that he was working on annual reports to NH DES.

FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Chief Arthur Heath reported on recent department activity.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator offered a brief report on recent activity and indicated that the Town Report had been completed and sent to the printer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Chairwoman McCartin reviewed and signed the Grant Notice of Award and Agreement for the Main Street Demolition projects.
- b) The Board reviewed and signed the 2026 Warrant and 2026 MS 636. The Administrator noted an \$8,000 adjustment in the operating budget discovered after the Budget Hearing and additional savings to the taxpayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) The Town Administrator indicated that he was communicating with Ed Shanshala, CEO of ACHS on potential funding opportunities for the Food Pantry.
- b) The Town Administrator reported that he attended the Grafton County Commissioners meeting to attend the Status of Grafton County EMS presentation from Municipal Resources Inc. The Administrator indicated that the report was available on the County website and that a link would soon be placed on the Town website. Selectman Hair indicated that Plymouth Fire Rescue Chief Kevin Pierce would be available at our Town Meeting to answer any questions about regionalization efforts.

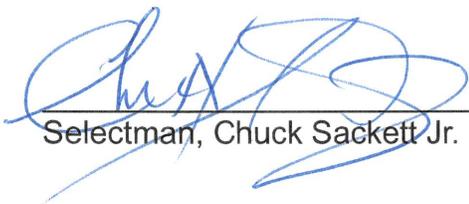
CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed recent correspondence.

Prior to adjournment, it was announced that the Public Hearing for Articles 3 and 4, proposed bond issues over \$100,000 for construction of new highway garage and public safety building would begin at 6:00 PM.

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 5:24 PM.



Selectman, Chuck Sackett Jr.



Selectman, Jeremy Hair



Chairwoman, Shirley McCartin