

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of September 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Kathi Bradt; Jim Jennison; Ryanne Schoonover

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bland, Hwy/HO/EMD; Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Collin Crosby, Road Agent

OTHERS PRESENT: William Desrosier; Lori & Steve Murray; Greg Sielicki; Jack Sielicki; Gregg Thibodeau; Carole Wallace

CALL TO ORDER: Kathi called the meeting to order at 6:31

MINUTES OF 9/15/25: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; **the Board voted to approve. Passed.**

BILL MANIFEST: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; **The Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.**

PAYROLL MANIFEST: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; **the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.**

FEMA UPDATES: Jenn met today with the Engineer and FEMA to answer the questions FEMA had. FEMA is requesting the Engineer go faster so all the information will be ready for the meeting on Nov 3 at 6PM regarding CBR.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- Work report/work plan (current work completed but not limited to):
 - Graded, ditched, graveled, rolled Gates Mountain Rd
 - Graded Bascom Farm Hill Rd & Currier Rd
 - Graded Nye Rd
 - Calcium chloride Derry Hill Rd, Crane Brook Rd & Quaker City Rd
 - Met with OIG FEMA Inspector for Charlestown Rd
 - Organized culverts at the pit
 - Fixed hydraulic line on loader; checked and adjusted all the brakes on all trucks
 - Prep for CLR culvert replacement
 - Forest Road culverts inventoried and ordered
 - Highway report to Crescent Lake Assoc for their quarterly meeting
 - Picked up Dodge from Hillsboro Ford
- Closing Derry Hill tomorrow to do some work and then will move to CLR.
- Collin would like to buy a jumping jack using the money in the trucking line. Consensus was it was a good decision.
- There is work being done on Nye Rd by a resident which needs to be modified. Collin told them not to continue, and highway will finish the job. Kathi mentioned that there is a form for that which should have been submitted first.
- Asplundh Tree Service is cutting dead ash trees that are going to fall. The tree service contacted all the landowners on Lynn Hill Rd. and received their permission. This is a scenic road and Kathi said scenic road monitoring goes through the PB. Collin will let the tree service company know.
- Carole asked when they would do crack sealing. Collin said we haven't been able to get someone to do this until next year.
- DMS Quarry: Jennifer attended a hearing to address the state's questions regarding granting a permit for DMS quarry. Kathi thanked Jennifer for being the spokesperson for this. Jennifer said they haven't been able to operate all season, and it still may take up to 30 days to receive the permit. It was noted that the highway dept collects the tailings at the quarry necessary to mix into our sand and gravel at no cost to the town and they close in Nov. Due to this short time frame, Jennifer contacted Senator Ruth Ward to see if she could help in accelerating the approval.
- Upcoming Reminders: **Winter parking ban starts Nov 1.**

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: Ryanne: They met on Sept 22. Talked about Desrosiers Class VI road non-liability agreement but took no action because the building permit didn't come with it. Approved a merger of lots. Discussed the definition of a dwelling, with conversation about pressurized water and gray water and what it means on how it ties into a yurt. Next meeting they will have highway come to discuss the CIP.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

PUBLIC: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building Permits:
 - R Perry M235 L24. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
 - E&K Kathan M217 L16. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
 - W Desrosiers M204 L4. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
 - G Sielicki M201 L150. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- Liability Agreement-Building on a Class VI Road: W Desrosiers M204 L4. After some discussion, on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- Quit Claim Deed: For repurchase of tax deeded property M217 L26. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- NHEC Easement: M201 L135. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; after some discussion ***the Board voted to approve and sign contingent on sending a copy of the work plan to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Passed.***
- 2025 MS-1 (Summary of Inventory Valuation): On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim, ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- Debit Card Statement: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

DISCUSSION:

- Cell phone tower email: Kathi read the response to the email regarding installing a tower on the requested site. "(SPNHF) confirmed that towers in general are not permitted on this land which is held in a conservation easement by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests." Jack will be looking into other alternatives around the area.
- Email re: speeding signs in So Acworth Village: After much discussion, the Board did not take any action. An option that the residents could pursue would be to have a petition warrant article on for town meeting.
- Fall Mountain withdrawal study update: Ryanne: Walpole subcommittee has met but the minutes are not available yet. They will be meeting on Mon Oct 6 for a full committee decision.
- Demo of building on Turkey Shoot Rd: Charlotte was told by legal that we do not need to notify the former owner/private mortgage holder regarding demolishing the tax deeded building.

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne, ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Passed.***

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Town Administrator