

## TOWN HALL MONTHLY: May 2026

The first meetings following Town Meeting for most boards include voting in officers and setting goals for the year. The Select Board welcomed new member, Katy Haas, who will also liaison with the Planning Board. Ryanne will continue as vice chair and as liaison with the school district and I am fortunate to continue as chair and as liaison with the Conservation Commission. Select Board goals are largely defined by the voters at Town Meeting most important of which are the year's road projects. This year a number of voters also addressed Town Meeting with concerns about excessive driving speed at various places in the Town.

Driving speed has come up before. The resurfacing of some of our State roads has made them more subject to fast driving. We are told that signs which flash a driver's speed are ineffective. They are also costly and require significant reporting to the State in order to use them. Road Agent Collin Crosby and Emergency Manager Jenn Bland are working with State Departments of Transportation and Safety on other solutions including better signage and reducing the speed limit in areas with high pedestrian use. Due to their efforts, signs noting handicapped presence have been installed in South Acworth. The Select Board is also looking into increasing our coverage by State Police Troop C. One of the things to know about speeding in Town is that the speeders are generally not from somewhere else. They are us which means we can fix this ourselves.

In other business, April 1 marks the beginning of the assessing year and the Select Board has been reviewing applications for taxpayer Veteran Credits, Elder Exemptions and for putting property into Current Use. It is also time for building permit applications. The Zoning Ordinance we all voted for requires a building permit for building, relocating or altering the bulk of any structure and also protects Town surface water. State law adds requirements for sanitary systems and shoreland protections. There's a lot to know and the building permit application form, which is posted on our website, is designed to help Townspeople through the process. Our Town Administrator, Charlotte, is there to help and to add you to a Select Board agenda so you can get your approved permit.

The schedule of Town boards' meetings is posted on the website and bulletin boards in the Town offices, post office and Village Store. You can read our minutes in this Newsletter 😊 and on our website.

See you soon, Kathi