

**TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Selectmen**  
**Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of February 3, 2026**  
**Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom & Donna Clemons; Mary Lord; John Mattson; Marcie Maynard; Steve Murray; Sheryl Pierce

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kathi called the meeting to order at 6:15

On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to accept the \$15k from the Davis Foundation. Passed.***

**PUBLIC:** Kathi acknowledged the residents that were there to discuss the speeding problem on 123A in the village. It was noted that since the road has been paved, the traffic speeds through the area causing a very dangerous situation. There are children, there is a handicapped woman that lives there and walks every day. After much discussion, Kathi mentioned this was researched by Jennifer back in the fall and it is not as simple as putting up a sign. It is a burden that would be put on the highway dept.

Gregg mentioned that Upper Valley does have monitors on various roads that record speeds and there are some on 123A that have been there for years. The data can be obtained online from Upper Valley.

Kathi said the roadblock we ran into in the fall is the shifting of responsibility from the state to the town. She's aware of the ongoing concerns and at this time the best thing we can do is ask for the highway dept. to bring back their research and look into it again.

Jim said he has a friend in Lempster that is a State Policeman and in two days from Gowen Farm to Echo Valley Farm he wrote 7 speeding tickets, 5 were students from the FM high school.

Tom said he contacted the state to see about getting a handicap sign, but they never got back to him. Kathi mentioned to contact Jennifer Bland at the highway dept to see if this is something she can help with.

**MINUTES OF 01/19/26:** On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve. Passed.***

**BILL MANIFEST:** On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***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.***

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Sander for new truck: Charlotte mentioned now that the Dodge is not operable, they are using the new smaller truck for plowing and Collin would like to get a sander for it for about \$3,500. Jim asked if the truck which will replace the Dodge passes at town meeting would this sander be obsolete. Charlotte said they would still use this truck to plow and sand the smaller roads. Kathi motioned to support Collin's recommendation on this, he is careful with his budget, and doesn't incur expenses that he doesn't need, she wants him to have the tools he needs, Ryanne seconded; ***the Board voted to approve with Jim opposing. Passed.***
- Ryanne asked about the salt shortage she had heard about. Charlotte mentioned that the last order Collin made was more to avoid the shortage.
- Letter to HEB: To close CBR contract. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***The Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

**PLANNING BOARD:** Ryanne. Met Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Katy Haas came and accepted the position of AA for the PB. She will work with Steve and Charlotte at the beginning. Discussed what they would be doing for ordinances but decided to wait until after town meeting to see who will be on the board.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Intent to cut: P&D Rhoades M252 L8; On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

Abatement: W Altshuler M254 L20.1; On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

2027 CAI contract: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

Annual Solid Waste Report: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

Update bank info to fiscal policy: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

**DISCUSSION:**

Ryanne said there was an offer from Kevin Keith, a Langdon School Board member to come to a public information session to speak about the withdrawal and can speak on the budget. Consensus was this was a good idea and have him come to the next Selectmen meeting on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Passed.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Comeau  
Town Administrator