TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Select Board

Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of October 19, 2026

Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Kathi Bradt; Ryanne Schoonover; Katy Haas

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bland, Hwy Admin/EMD; Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Collin Crosby, Road Agent; Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Dion-Bildstein; Steve and Lori Murray

CALL TO ORDER: Kathi called the meeting to order at 5:24.

On a motion by Kathi seconded by Ryanne, ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 5:30 p.m. Passed***.

On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Katy, ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened the public meeting at 6:11 p.m. Passed.***

MINUTES: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Katy; ***the Board voted to approve. Passed.***

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Work report/plan: **https://www.acworthnh.net/highway**

- Looking into using our gravel to do the shoulders on Derry Hill Rd to save money.
- Grinding was done on Forest Rd. They will be leaving it dirt for now and next year replacing 3 culverts.

Letter from Shaw Rd: This was based on a project the kids were asked to do at school. This road is privately owned and could not be considered a Class V Rd. Jennifer offered to put a response letter together for the SB to sign.

FEMA letter: Discussion on how to review the changes. Jennifer is still waiting for response. This letter was regarding changing the flood maps.

Email from FEMA National Flood Insurance program: Kathi said the flood plain ordinance is part of our zoning ordinance. Jennifer says this should go together with the FEMA letter. The board is averse to requiring another form. Jennifer will follow up with this.

Email re M253 L10.1: Discussion regarding email from realtor stating the owner has mentioned there is significant gravel value on the property. He asked whether the town would be interested in purchasing it. After some discussion, consensus was to let the realtor know we are still looking into this.

NHDES has confirmed that we can transport waste oil from the transfer station to Alstead hwy. dept for use in their oil burner if it is less than 50 gallons and a bill of lading is filled out and kept for 3 years. This would save an expense of $3k in the budget.

Steve asked Collin if he could look at a section of CLR that has a large pothole. He also asked about whether it is a town liability when there is a large puddle that accumulates in the road due to runoff on an owner's property and causes damage.

PLANNING BOARD: None

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Kathi: They Went through 1st draft of the budget. Turbidity on Dodge Brook, DES is investigating that. They have put down a layer of mulch in the pollinator gardening and will be labeling plants. Gregg gave a report on the Keyes Hollow wetland project.

PUBLIC: None

ACTION ITEMS:
Debit card: On a motion by Katy, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to approve and initial. Passed.***

DISCUSSION:
Review proposed draft budget: There was discussion on the first draft of the budget. Will review next meeting with changes.
Review Transfer Station fee**s:** After review and discussion on comparison of surrounding town fees and what NH Recycle charges us there were some changes made but it was decided to wait until the next meeting to finalize after reviewing what our costs were in last year's town report.
Kathi mentioned that the health insurance has increased but it is still our best option.
Kathi mentioned that the county tax is a slight reduction. She said it is important that people understand that when people get their tax bill it includes this.
Schedule for election day: Katy will be there from 10-1; Kathi 1:30-4; Ryanne 4-7

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Katy; the Board voted to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau,
Town Administrator