

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2025**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Selectwoman Iris Campbell, Richard Pelletier – Selectman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator

Others present: Chris Parsons, Matthew M. Nick Hodgen, William Bannister, Joshua Gallant, Celeste Dustin, Christopher Dustin, Dave Dustin, Jr., Claudia Dustin, Dave Dustin, Luci Dustin, Mary Rogers, Christa Liquori, Cathy Houle, Meraya Meattey, Rachel Fale, Don Fales.

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. OATHS OF OFFICE

Chairman Bailey administered the Oath of Office to two new police officers, Matthew Meattey and Christopher Dustin. Family, friends and colleagues were present as the Board welcomed them to the Town of Hillsborough.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lions Club: Mary Rogers presented a facility use application for the Manahan Pavillion on behalf of the Lions Club and asked for the \$100 rental fee to be waived. She said the event is scheduled in September. Since no one has submitted the request or called to have it placed on the agenda, the Board will take it up at their next meeting. Ms. Buono asked if there is a reason why the club is requesting a waiver so that the Board has something to consider. Ms. Rogers said they would just prefer not to pay the fee. She said the club puts money back into the community in various ways. Ms. Buono suggested that if no one from the club can attend the meeting and has anything else they would like the Board to use for consideration, to please email her with that information.

Light Banners: Mary Rogers asked if the banners that were taken down by the Chamber when they placed the wreaths up will be put back up on the light posts. Chairman Bailey said he will look into it.

3. MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated June 11, 2025. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated June 25, 2025. Selectwoman seconded the motion, the motion passed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for July 9, 2025, Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- Department of Revenue PA-28 Form

- Cemetery Deed (duplicate) – Emond @ Harvey Memorial
- Department of Revenue PA-16 Form
- Intent to Cut – Map 3 Lot 36 Sand Knoll Rd.
- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 8 Lot 106-16

5. MANIFEST

Chairman Bailey made a Motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 20228 – 20300 a/k/a Vouchers 27, 27A & 28 in the amount of \$285,076.53 (includes 255 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 034117 – 034240 a/k/a Voucher 25 & 26 in the amount of \$323,214.95. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

6. PROJECT GENESIS

Ms. Buono brought up the various changes that have been made throughout the years, and especially the last couple of years at Project Genesis. She said previously, there was a heavy emphasis on the diversion program that was run as a subsidiary of the center but once that program was placed under the police department, the center is run as a teen center. Ms. Buono said that Mr. Clough, the Parks & Recreation Director who oversees the center would like to rebrand it so that everyone is aware that all appropriately aged teenagers are welcomed and there is no more association with the diversion program. He would like to have a name that encompasses a teen center since that is what it is and would like to make sure the Board is okay with him moving forward with a name change. The Selectmen had no objections.

7. STREAMING MEETINGS

Ms. Buono said, based on a suggestion from Selectman Pelletier, she had added streaming of meetings to the long-term project list since it is something that is planned to take place by the end of the summer. She said that she has been looking at the Owl system since it is affordable and streams using various platforms such as YouTube and Zoom. Ms. Buono circulated information on the system she is looking into and said currently and for the next few days, it is discounted through Amazon since it is Prime Days. The Board reviewed the information and agreed that this is the best system to use based on the amount (\$3,000) that was raised with the petitioned warrant article. Ms. Buono will move forward and order the system while it is on sale and will be spending just under \$2,000 on all the components.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

A true record

Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman