

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026**

Present: Iris Campbell – Chairman, James Bailey – Selectman, Richard Pelletier – Selectman

At the opening of the meeting the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Others present: Elizabeth Fielding, Eric Fielding and Jennifer Schamel

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Manahan Beach: Eric Fielding asked the Selectmen if a ban on smoking could be initiated at the beach or significantly moved away from the beach area with clearly visible signage. He said he was there early on July 4 before the admission time started and there were already 50 people on the beach, none were town residents and they didn't pay the entry fee and they occupied all the picnic tables with loud music, about \$200 was lost from them coming early. All and all, Mr. Fielding said it's a great place for families but would like to see the smoking moved from the beach area. The Board said they will look into it. Jennifer Schamel thanked Mr. Fielding for bringing this up and she also agrees the smoking should be moved away from the beach area and agrees the gates should be opened earlier.

2. MANIFEST

Chairman Campbell made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 21129 – 21198 a/k/a Vouchers 27, 27A, 28 in the amount of \$185,148.94 (includes 229 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 03617 - 036270 a/k/a Voucher 30 in the amount of \$314,762.57. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for July 8, 2026. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- NHDRA – Application for Federal & State Forest Land 2026
- Timber Tax: Map 5 Lot 59 \$961.17; Map 5 Lot 69 \$727.28; Map 4 Lot 40 \$1157.89; Map 4 Lot 45-1 \$860.30; Map 4 Lots 49 & 49-1 \$839.41
- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 7 Lot 170
- Abatement – Map 14, Lot 583 \$496.00
- Class VI Private Road Agreement & Release Map 7 Lot 100, Poverty Plain Road

4. ASSESSMENTS

Selectman Pelletier said he has seen, and people have heard, that people's assessments have gone up mysteriously by 1%, and they don't why. He said they have talked to the Assessor, but we don't know how big a problem we have. Chairman Campbell asked Selectmen Pelletier if he means it increased between December and now? Selectman Pelletier said yes, and he would like the Board to request to find out what happened, why it happened, and how many properties it happened to. He asked what the Board is going to do about it and how to prevent it from happening in the future and would like this information provided at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Pelletier made a motion to request the information mentioned in #4. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Jennifer Schamel said she looked at her bill and property card and what she noticed in the tax bill says what the value is for the house, building and the land, on it the building increased. On the property card, all the data was the same. For her, the assessment on the “tax letter”, the dollar amount on the building went up by 2% and she doesn’t think it matched the assessment card. She said the bill had changed but the property card had not. Multiple people were chatting about this on Facebook.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

A true record
Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Iris Campbell, Chairman

James C. Bailey, III, Selectman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman