

Present: Chairman Dan Haskins, Selectman Seth Alexander, Town Administrator Ronald Boucher, Berkshire Health Alliance Representative Valerie Bird, Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General Maja Kazmierczak.

Absent: Selectman Colton Andrews.

I. Call to Order.

Chairman Dan Haskins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and noted that the meeting was being recorded using artificial intelligence for note-taking purposes.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approve meeting minutes from July 6th.

The Board reviewed the Select Board meeting minutes from July 6th, 2026.

MOTION: Chairman Haskins motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 6th.

SECOND: Selectman Alexander seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

IV. Appointment of Martha Tanner to the Woodlands Partnership.

The Board considered the appointment of Martha Tanner to the Woodlands Partnership. Board members thanked Ms. Tanner for volunteering to represent the Town.

MOTION: Selectman Alexander motioned to appoint Martha Tanner to the Woodlands Partnership.

SECOND: Chairman Haskins seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

V. Condemnation of 573 – 579 River Road.

Health Agent Valerie Bird provided an update regarding the vacant property located at 573–579 River Road. The property is abandoned and unsecured, and an Order to Correct was issued requiring the owner to board and secure the structure. Ms. Bird contacted the Building Inspector, who confirmed the property had previously been condemned; however, no official documentation could be located. A formal condemnation order will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting while the long-term goal is to pursue receivership for the property.

Town Accountant Kelly Haskins, present via Zoom call, advised that ownership records may have changed and offered updated contact information for the current owner to assist with future correspondence.

VI. Attorney General's office to participate in 750 Daniels Road discussion on receivership.

Valerie also updated the Board on the status of **750 Daniels Road**. She reported that the property remains in poor condition with significant trash accumulation. Electrical service has not been restored, but the generator is no longer operating. A dumpster has been arranged, although multiple dumpsters will likely be necessary. The condemned trailer also remains on the property. Receivership remains the recommended course of action.

Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General from the Neighborhood Renewal Division, Maja Kazmierczak, presented an overview of the Commonwealth's receivership program. Topics included purpose and authority of receivership, requirements for eligible properties, inspection and code enforcement process, demand letters and title research, court filing procedures, appointment and responsibilities of receivers, financing of rehabilitation work, and sale or transfer of rehabilitated properties.

Examples of successful receivership projects completed throughout Massachusetts. The presentation also discussed expected timelines, the importance of municipal partnership, and the process for returning abandoned properties to productive use.

Following the presentation, Board members thanked Ms. Kazmierczak for the informative presentation. Ms. Bird indicated the information would be helpful in moving both the River Road and Daniels Road properties forward, and she will continue coordinating with the Attorney General's Office regarding both cases.

VII. Resident Mosquito Spraying Inquiry.

Chairman Haskins asked Ms. Bird about the Town's participation in the regional mosquito control program after receiving a resident inquiry. She stated she would obtain additional information regarding the spraying schedule and provide an update.

VIII. Town Administrator updates.

Town Administrator Ron Boucher provided updates stating that Town received the Notice to Proceed for the West Road Culvert Project, funded through a \$1.3 million grant, with completion scheduled by December 31, 2027.

A meeting with MassDOT regarding the Route 8 temporary bridge and East Road was scheduled for the following day.

Approximately \$4,180.00 remains available in the Town Hall maintenance account. Mr. Boucher requested authorization to obtain quotes for replacing the front entrance doors with more energy-efficient doors due to significant heat loss.

Preventative maintenance was completed by jetting the Town Hall sewer line.

Pickle Fest has been rescheduled to August 29, 2026, due to weather conditions that occurred on its original date.

Mr. Boucher will attend a meeting regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for state-owned land, noting the importance of increasing reimbursement to communities like Clarksburg.

The Highway Department will begin centerline painting on major Town roads.

Bid opening for the North Eagle Street Sewer Improvement Project is scheduled for August 3, 2026, the same date of the next planned Selectmen's meeting.

Rifenburg Construction is expected to begin work soon on the South Middle Road Project, and finally, the concrete pad at the school is expected to be poured the following week.

IX. Public Comment.

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to public comment. No public comments were offered.

X. Adjourn.

MOTION: Chairman Haskins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

SECOND: Selectman Alexander seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Markell Shea, *Town Executive Assistant*

Selectboard,

Dan Haskins, *Chair*

Colton Andrews, *First Vice Chair*

Seth Alexander, *Second
Vice Chair*