

SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026
Municipal Building
6:00 PM

Present – Jack Bridges, Bill Birdsall, Adam Foster, Robin Stratton, Carol Lowrie and Cheryl Robinson

Call to Order – 6:00pm

Adjustments to the Agenda (if needed) - None

Public Comment - None

PUBLIC HEARING – Public hearing on the approval of the Rent Control Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Increases

Motion to open public hearing at 6:00pm by Robin Stratton, second by Carol Lowrie, passed 5/0.

Discussion held. There were many residents of Hancock Heights present and many of them spoke as to the increase in rent and the loss of amenities. They feel they are being pushed/forced out of their homes by a large corporation looking to make money and that the corporation does not care about the residents in the park. The spokesperson for Sun Communities, Laura Bamford, was present and spoke in opposition to the moratorium, the company says the raises are according to the economy. Jack Bridges read a statement he had prepared.

Motion to close public hearing at 6:14pm by Carol Lowrie, second by Robin Stratton, passed 5/0.

Motion to move forward in support of the 180- day moratorium and set a Special Town Meeting for June 17, 2026 by Carol Lowrie, second by Jack Bridges, passed 5/0.

New Business – Sarah Levesque – Town Government Communication – Sarah advised the Board she has lived here a long time and feels a social media platform is required or a group email when there is a change to the website, both of which have been reviewed by the Selectboard on other occasions. She will forward on to the Board the information she has regarding town supported social media and the Clerk will put this back on the agenda for follow-up.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes of 05/06/2026 – *Motion to approve as written by Robin Stratton, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
2. Austin Road – Plow turn around agreement - Tabled
3. Hancock Happenings By-laws – Need to be adopted – *Motion to adopt the bylaws as written by Bill Birdsall, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
4. Carter's Beach Project update – There was a lengthy discussion held regarding the project and the he said/she said statements. There are to be no secret meetings held with the contractor and any questions should come either to the Board, George Moon or the Town Clerk. *Motion by Adam Foster that any future correspondence, questions or meetings come through the Selectboard for them to decide, second by Jack Bridges, passed 5/0.*

5. Signatures needed on No Thru Trucks Letter – *Motion to sign and send the letter as written by Adam Foster, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 4/0.* Jack Bridges abstained from voting.

Departmental Reports

- a) Fire Chief – Chris Holmes – See monthly report – Chief Holmes advised the Selectboard the Town of Franklin has a 1992 – 3000-gallon tanker for sale for \$50,000.00. A discussion was held. *Motion to authorize up to \$50,000.00 from the Future Fire Truck Fund for the purchase of the 1992 tanker from the Town of Franklin by Jack Bridges, second by Robin Stratton, passed 5/0.*
 - b) CEO – Kevin Brodie – CEO advised the Board he had done the inspection of Hancock Heights and found nothing major with the park. The day he was on site there was a plumber working to fix the water issue that had been reported to him by some of the residents of the park. He advised the Board he had fielded a few other complaints and would follow up on those.
 - c) George Moon – Road Commissioner – Response to Steve Salsbury – Waiting on paving bids.
 - d) Doug Kimmel – Planning Board Chair – He advised the Board the sign ordinance is in the final stages and they are continuing their work on the Mineral Extraction Ordinance.
 - e) Town Clerk/AA Report - Cheryl Robinson
 - (i) Bank reconciliation – Initialed by Jack Bridges
5. Approval of 25/26 Payables Warrant #103 in the amount of \$25,776.95
Motion to approve as submitted by Robin Stratton, second by Carol Lowrie, passed 5/0.
 6. Approval of 25/26 Payables Warrant #104 – HVFD in the amount of \$10,767.05
Motion to approve as submitted by Adam Foster, second by Carol Lowrie, passed 5/0.
 7. Approval of 25/26 Payables (payroll) Warrant #102 in the amount of \$5,009.91
Motion to approve as submitted by Jack Bridges, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 5/0.
 8. Approval of 25/26 Payables (payroll) Warrant #105 in the amount of \$5,646.21
Motion to approve as submitted by Robin Stratton, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.
 9. Complaints – Adam advised he had received a couple of complaints on the ongoing situation on the Eastside Road.
 10. Selectperson comments - None
 11. See Mail – Charter letter
 12. Other – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(H) – Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on Pending matter

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:38pm by Jack Bridges, second by Bill Birdsall, passed 5/0.

Motion to exit executive session at 7:56pm by Carol Lowrie, second by Jack Bridges, passed 5/0.

Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn at 7:56pm by Carol Lowrie, second by Jack Bridges, passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A Robinson

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Town Clerk/Admin. Asst.