

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Select Board Members Present: Jeremy Hair, Shirley McCartin, and Chuck Sackett

Town Staff/Officials Present: Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Tax Collector – Maria Sanders, Treasurer – Sheila Foote, Police Chief – John Semertgakis

Public Present: Tom and Lisa Mantz, Kathy Archibald, Tom Babbitt

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: C. Sackett *moved to approve the June 24, 2026 manifest. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Hair – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: C. Sackett *moved to approve the June 10 meeting minutes. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Hair – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Librarian Maria Sanders noted that the library received an \$8,000 grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Sheila Foote was present at the meeting and provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$189,342.80 after tonight's approved manifest of \$71,273.13.

The Town of Warren Town Clerk Account balance is \$3,500.00.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$239,565.51.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Collector Maria Sanders was present and provided the following reports and information for the Board's consideration.

Collections Summary for the month of June 2026 (Printed June 22, 2026)

- a. \$220,311.20 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$219,436.48 in principal; \$46.49 in interest and penalties; and \$828.23 in credits to be applied to 2026

P01 bill.)

Year to Date Collections Summary (January 1, 2026 – June 22, 2026)

- a. \$503,468.65 has been collected in Gross Receipts. (\$493,239.07 in principal; \$9,071.35 in interest and penalties; and \$1,158.23 in credits to be applied to 2026 P01 bill.)

The Tax Collector provided a list of other important dates:

July 6, 2026: Deed execution will occur at 3:00 PM for properties with 2023 liens.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Facilities Manager George Russell was not present at the meeting; however, he submitted a written report. George reported that he worked to unplug the Week's Crossing Dam, noting that beaver debris had plugged a discharge. George installed the outside water spigot at the Town Hall and helped set up the tents on the Common. He has also been mowing and trimming as needed. Finally, George noted that he was awaiting a quote for the inverter and installation for the emergency siren.

Regarding the Transfer Station, G. Russell reported that he was still working to prepare the electronics and propane tanks for shipment. One bale of cardboard and one bale of aluminum cans were produced.

FIRE CHIEF:

Interim Fire Chief David Heath was not present at the meeting but provided a written report of recent activity. Interim Chief David Heath reported that on June 12, the Department responded to an EMS call for a sick person. On June 17, two youths set a tree stump on fire under the bridge on Studio Road. On June 18, the Department responded to one lift assist and five trees/wires calls, three of which were related to the same incident on Pine Hill Road, with additional calls on Lake Tarleton Road and Beech Hill Road. On June 19, the Department responded to an EMS call for a cardiac arrest. On June 21, the Department responded to an ATV rollover.

The Chief also reported that 40R2 is currently at the shop for a water pump and belt replacement, and 40R1 is running in its place.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator indicated that the majority of his report would be addressed throughout the remainder of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The Board reviewed and approved an elderly exemption application for the 2027 tax year due to the date the application was received.
- b) The Board reviewed correspondence from the Town's insurance company relative to fireworks. After discussion, the Board acknowledged that the Town

was advertising and funding the display that Mr. Witcher has volunteered to put on during Old Home Day weekend on private property. The Board agreed to proceed with the Old Home Day fireworks demonstration, as described, provided that Mr. Witcher understands that the Town's insurance provider is not able to provide coverage for the activity, outside of potential limited coverage extended to Town volunteers. The Administrator will work with legal counsel to draft a liability release for the volunteer's signature.

- c) The Administrator relayed Mr. Stark's request to add two houses to a well allegedly located on Town property. According to Mr. Stark, the well serves multiple residences along Route 25 and Pine Hill. Correspondence from DES was reviewed. The Board requested that the Administrator reach out to legal counsel to determine the best next steps regarding both Mr. Stark's request and other residents whose wells are located on Town property.
- d) The Administrator requested authorization from the Board to engage NH Broadband for service to be provided to the Town Hall and potentially other municipal buildings. The Board agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Administrator provided a brief update regarding the Main Street Demolition project, noting that the project must be completed by June 30 and is back on schedule following the issuance of the amended shoreland permit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed recent correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Babbit asked for an update relative to the regionalized EMS service, noting that the proposed building was being used as a martial arts studio. Selectman Hair indicated that the use of the building was temporary and still planned to be the future site of the regionalized service. Selectman Hair indicated that municipal lawyers attended the last regionalization meeting and the group was most recently working to write bylaws needed to establish the regionalized district ahead of a formal vote at Town Meeting 2027.

ADJOURN:

S. McCartin moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Hair – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board adjourned at 6:00 PM.