WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 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, Chuck Sackett

Town Staff/Officials Present: Police Chief – John Semertgakis, Treasurer – Sheila Foote, E-911 Coordinator & Cemetery Trustee – Donald Bagley, Transfer Station Attendant – Jeff Tompkins

Public Present: Greg Matheison, Judy Tompkins

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: The Board reviewed and approved the October 28, 2026 manifest. Vote: McCartin – yes; Sackett – yes; Hair – yes. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board moved to table approval of the October 14, 2026 meeting minutes until the November 11, 2026 meeting. Vote: McCartin – yes; Hair – yes; Sackett – yes. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There was brief discussion about the Save Our Schools Rally and the potential impacts of HB 1300.

The Board thanked Jeff Tompkins for his willingness to help the Town. Jeff clarified that he did not want the Road Agent position but was happy to help. C. Sackett requested that this clarification be included in the meeting minutes.

TREASURER:
Treasurer Sheila Foote was present and provided a report for the Board's review. After the evening's manifest of $117,268.51 was approved, the Operating Account balance was $286,049.43.

The Town Clerk Account balance was $3,500.00.

The Tax Collections Account balance was $410,861.79.

TAX COLLECTOR:
Tax Collector Karen Youngman was not present but submitted collection reports for the Board's review.

For the partial month of October, through October 27, 2026, gross collections totaled $8,245.08. This included $6,809.12 in principal, $167.17 in interest and penalties, and $1,268.79 in credits to be applied to the 2026 P02 tax bill.

Year-to-date gross collections from January 1 through October 27, 2026, totaled $1,561,295.49. This included $1,542,978.96 in principal, $11,252.55 in interest and penalties, and $7,063.98 in credits to be applied to the 2026 P02 tax bill.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:
G. Russell reported that the Fall Festival bonfire had been built. He thanked Janine, Tom, Jeff, and Austin for their help, as well as Bruce Bumford for donating the slabs. The new sign for McVetty Forest had been installed, and he thanked Kenny Bancroft. Set-up for voting would begin on Thursday, October 29. G. Russell also reported that he had met with the steeple clock technicians and expected to receive a proposal by the end of November.

TRANSFER STATION:
G. Russell reported that he had shipped out two tires to be repaired and filled with foam for the forklift. One bale of plastic was in production.

ROAD AGENT:
G. Russell reported that the salt shed was completely full after a recent order was delivered. He had taken Jeff Tompkins on a tour of all the roads, shown him the turnarounds, and explained how to use the pumps at the State shed. Jeff had also driven the big truck.

G. Russell reported that he was looking into renting a backhoe. Once repairs begin, the Town's machine would be out of service for at least two weeks. Two strobe safety lights had been ordered for the one-ton truck.

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FIRE CHIEF:
Fire Chief Mike Norkelun was not present at the meeting but submitted a written report for the Board's review. Norkelun reported that he was unable to attend because of the Lakes Region Mutual Aid meeting.

Over the past two weeks, the department responded to two EMS calls and one automatic alarm at a private residence. The residential alarm was determined to be faulty.

The department had repaired all of its rescue equipment. It had also conducted a vehicle extrication class with firefighters from Wentworth. Two state-certified

instructors taught the class, which went very well. Everyone was excited about the training afterward.

The department had completed additional hose testing and ordered replacement hose for the sections that had failed. It was also increasing its recruitment efforts to bring more members into the department.

Norkelun reported that he and Austin had spent two hours with students from University of New Hampshire at the Chase Road property so they could survey the site.

On Friday, a few firefighters would visit the school with several trucks to conduct fire safety education. The department had also received some much-needed hazardous material spill response equipment.

POLICE CHIEF:
Police Chief John Semertgakis was present and provided the Board with a report of recent activity. This included a welfare check, a report of a suspicious person at WVS that was investigated with no issue found, and a VIN check on a boat. The Chief also provided a brief report regarding the Fall Festival.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) The Board reviewed and signed the Cemetery Deed as prepared by the Cemetery Trustees.
b) The Board reviewed and authorized the Chairman to sign the Trust Fund deposit instructions for the Trustee of the Trust Funds, based on the 2026 Town Meeting vote.
c) C. Sackett moved to approve the elderly exemption application for Map 221, Lot 004, based on the Assessor's recommendation. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes; Hair – yes; Sackett – yes. The motion passed, 3-0-0.
d) C. Sackett moved to approve the Veteran's Credit application for Map 240, Lot 098. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes; Hair – yes; Sackett – yes. The motion passed, 3-0-0.
e) C. Sackett moved to enter into an agreement with Newfound Title Service. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes; Hair – yes; Sackett – yes. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) The Town had submitted all required documents and was waiting for the Equalization Bureau at the Department of Revenue Administration to provide the Town's preliminary tax rate.

CORRESPONDENCE:
The Board reviewed recent correspondence. The Local Hazard Mitigation Update

Meeting would be held on November 10 at 10:00 AM. The next meeting with the UNH students working on the Public Safety Building project was planned for November 2.

The Board sent their best wishes to Stephen Albro and his family.

ADJOURN:
C. Sackett moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by S. McCartin. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Hair – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board adjourned at 5:24PM.

Selectman, Chuck Sackett Jr. Chairman, Jeremy Hair Selectman, Shirley McCartin