

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 29, 2026

Minutes

- I. OPEN MEETING – Chairman Begin called the May 29, 2026, meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Those present included Dillon Begin, Alan Leigh, Alfred Buckley, and Zachary Brown. An anonymous member joined the meeting via Zoom, no member attended in person.
- II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Dillon added two additions to the agenda (a discussion on the economic development committee and a walkthrough of Fletcher Park with the board). No other additions nor deletions were made to the agenda. The board members were fine with the additions.
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – No member of the public made any comments.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS –
 - a. Open Meeting Law Complaint – The board discussed the pending open meeting law violation and its relating correspondence and evidence. Zach gave an overview of how the May 8th special meeting was posted. He also gave an update on the website and the intermittent issues he has had with it over the past two months. He reported that the website has experienced intermittent publication and display problems, including instances where documents are uploaded but do not consistently appear on the public-facing website as intended. Alan made a motion that no open meeting violation occurred and that the Town will work through its website issues and continue to make physical postings. Al seconded the motion. Chairman Begin asked for further discussion, seeing none; he called for a vote. The motion was passed unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Begin will draft a public response. Zach asked the board's permission to place a notice stating the website issues and what the Town's work around will be, until the issue is resolved. The board agreed. Brown also noted that the Town may have to discontinue the website if the issues cannot be resolved. The Board noted that the Town has posted public notice of the website issue and that official meeting notices, agendas, and minutes continue to be maintained and made available through the Town's designated physical posting locations and the Town Clerk's Office. The Board further noted that the Town is working to correct the website issue and will maintain alternate access to public meeting materials while the issue remains unresolved.
 - b. Municipal Ethic Violation Correspondence – Zach noted that the town has four pending ethics violation complaints as of the meeting. Brown noted that the four complaints related to the October 15, 2025 abatement hearing. He noted that correspondence with the complainant has been distributed to the board members at the May 25th meeting and today. He noted that the complainant objects to Alan Leigh being designated as the investigator for the complaints. He noted that he has discussed the objections with the Town attorney. He noted that they do not see an issue with this appointment, as Alan was not a member of the board of abatement for the hearing and cannot be swayed by any member of the selectboard or the board of abatement. Alan is a duly elected board member and does not answer anyone but the constituents. Zach reminded the board that they may decide tonight how they should proceed with these complaints and the foregoing objections regarding Alan's designation. He reminded the board that he has reached out to two individuals in Town and other neighboring Town's asking if they would be willing to complete the investigation and has not had any luck. The board reviewed the facts. Zach stated that depending on how the board would like to proceed, that a motion would be in order. Al made a motion to acknowledge the objections and to continue as the designated investigator for the two ethic complaints from March. Dillon seconded the motion. Chairman Begin asked for further discussion, seeing none; he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. Zach noted that May 28th the Town received two further complaints regarding himself, Fern Owen, Michael Daley, and Laurie Daley. Zach noted that since the facts and issues relating to these complaints are similar to the previous complaints he is not sure if the Town would like to designate Alan as the designated reviewer of these new complaints. Al made a motion to designate Alan as the reviewer of the May 28th complaints. Dillon seconded the motion. Chairman Begin asked for further discussion. Alan asked if the anonymous participant had any discussion or comment. No answer was given. Begin called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

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- c. Economic Development Board - The board reviewed the ongoing discussion revolving around an economic development board. The board discussed a possible time to plan the first preliminary meeting. The board agreed on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. to have the preliminary meeting.
- d. Fletcher Park Walkthrough – Concurrently the board discussed the walkthrough of Fletcher Park to be scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed – No action or discussion.

VI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – No action or discussion.

VII. ADJOURN MEETING – Alan made a motion to adjourn the May 29, 2026 special meeting at 4:44 P.M. Al seconded the motion. Chairman Begin called for any discussion; seeing none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Begin adjourned the May 29, 2026 meeting at 4:44 P.M.