

Chairman N. Buonopane convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

N. Buonopane led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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N. Buonopane, Chairman
Paul LaRochelle, Vice-Chairman, Excused
Andrew Morse, Selectman, Excused
Richard Shea, Selectman
Drew Carter, Selectmen
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the agenda for November 25, 2025 as presented and. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted outside this meeting room, and on our website.

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

None

Appointments

None

New Business

1. NH HB 1020

R. Heath stated that an email came into the Board of Selectmen. This is New Hampshire House Bill 1020. A fourth grader from the New Hampton Elementary School has submitted a Bill to proclaim Lake Winnepesaukee the official State Lake of New Hampshire. They are looking for the Board to endorse the request. They are trying to get support.

It is the consensus of the Board to support this endeavor.

Old Business

1. IT Department - New Website - Approval

J. Monaco, IT Director, approached the table. He is looking for the approval to move forward with the new website. It is more organized. He would like to pull all of the information off of the existing site and move it to the new site. N. Buonopane asked how long the site would be down. J. Monaco stated that typically moving the records can sometimes take about 48 hours. R. Shea stated that he did have one request. He would like see all of the Boards and their term expiration dates. L. Parker, Finance Manager, asked if there will be a training for the Department Heads to update their own information. J. Monaco stated that he would have to go through and train all of the Departments on how to operate the back end of the site. He plans to meet with each Department individually.

It is the consensus of the Board to support the move to the new website.

2. Budget Presentation

J. Reinert, Fire Chief, approached the table. He stated that he made the adjustments to the full-time wage line after the last discussion. N. Buonopane stated that the only adjustment that can not be done is the line item for

the special events. J. Reinert stated that was removed. N. Buonopane stated that the 4% for the people on probation can not be done at this time. The probation employees will get the \$.25 when their probation ends.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the Fire Department budget for \$1,326,135.00 for 2026 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Default Budget

R. Heath highlighted the changes that would be made to the Town of Alton Water Default Budget.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the Water Default Budget for \$596,653.00 and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Heath highlighted the changes that would be made to the Town of Alton Default Budget.

D. Carter made a motion to approve the Default Budget for 2026 for \$9,795,561.00 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. CIP Plan

R. Heath stated that this is here tonight for the Board to accept it as presented. There will be more discussion when the Warrant Articles are presented.

D. Carter made a motion to accept the CIP Plan as presented and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Town Administrator Report

None

Selectmen Reports/Questions

D. Carter had nothing to report.

R. Shea stated that he looked at the Belknap County Budget. They are looking for a 7.6% increase. There will be a Public Hearing on December 2 and he plans on attending.

N. Buonopane stated that there was a Planning Board meeting where the CIP Committee presented the CIP Plan.

Approval of Minutes

None

Consent Agenda Approval

D. Carter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for November 25, 2025 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Assessing Consent Items

Timber Tax

Gubitose; Map 8 Lot 57; 71 Ehlen Way; \$1,005.67

2. Fire Department

James Reinert, Forest Fire Warden

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

None

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

R. Shea made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary