Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – June 23, 2026
Town Hall – Lower-Level Conference Room – Swanzey NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Tempesta at 9:30am at the Town, Swanzey, NH. Other members present were Selectmen Mark LaBelle, W William Hutwelker, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Fire Chief Eric Mattson.

Non-public session(s) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) which was seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed**.** The Board entered the non-public session at 9:30am. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Fire Chief Eric Mattson.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to come out of the non-public session, seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed. The non-public session ended at 9:55am.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to seal the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of this Board; Jay Ward seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPOINTMENTS

At 10:00 am the Board was joined by Assistant Chief Vincent Sanchez and Deputy Chief Michael Burke. The meeting concerned fire department matters including an update on last month's activity, training of new recruits, and plans for the move to the New Fire Station. The issue that delays moving to the station is the availability of a generator which, in the absence of regular power, would be needed to open the doors so the engines could respond to a fire. Manual door operation is a lengthy process. The department will investigate ways to work around this issue until the back-ordered generator arrives. In a related discussion, the chiefs agreed to move fire department materials out of the lower-level conference room in Town Hall by July 4 so that when construction begins on the staircase to the lower level and offices are potentially moved downstairs, there are no conflicts.

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS

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A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) which was seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed**.** The Board entered the non-public session at 11:45am. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to come out of the non-public session, seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed. The non-public session ended at 12:03pm.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to seal the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of this Board; Jay Ward seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

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A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) which was seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed**.** The Board entered the non-public session at 12:05pm. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to come out of the non-public session, seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed. The non-public session ended at 12:29pm.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to seal the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of this Board; Jay Ward seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

The Board discussed the upcoming meetings on June 24.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to adjourn the meeting; Jay Ward seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Adjournment occurred at 12:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Ward, Board Secretary

Approved on July 1, 2026