Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – July 8, 2026
Town Hall - Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Tempesta at 4pm. at Town Hall, Swanzey, NH. Selectmen W. William Hutwelker, Mark Labelle, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Cathy Bergstrom.

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) 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 4:01 pm and returned to the public meeting at 4:27 pm.

The Board discussed the status of the Finance Director Search and decided to have the application materials of all the candidates who did not make the final interview stage in the previous search process sent to Cathy Bergstrom to share with her committee.

The Board discussed the two proposals submitted for town phones and agreed to view a presentation from one vendor while more information is gathered about the proposals.

Barbara Skuly entered the meeting, and the Board asked her to explain what she is trying to do related to the solar array at the West Swanzey Wastewater facility. Barbara explained that she is trying to determine the amount of benefit the town is receiving both in terms of reduced electric bills from Eversource and the sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). She is not certain that the town is set up to recieve benefit from REC and thinks we should reinitiate the process. The Board agreed that Joe DiRusso would request the appropriate documents, Jimmy Tempesta would sign them and then they would be sent to Max Stewart, who will broker the sale of Swanzey RECs. There will be continued discussion of all this at the Energy Committee meeting on Monday, July 13.

The Board decided to meet privately with Rick Robichaud, Whitcomb Hall Caretaker, at 4:30 Wednesday, July 15, and to ask Katie Collins to join that meeting as well.

The Board discussed changes needed to a letter being sent to an employee, the need for Monthly reports from Department Heads beginning August 1 and staffing in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Board received an update on conditions at a property on Hale Hill Road and the various means available to address concerns. Chair Tempesta will work with Code Enforcement and Health to reach a solution.

Chair Tempesta will investigate the reasons for delays in the occupancy of the new Fire Station.

A motion was made by Labelle to Adjourn, seconded by Ward. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

James Ward, Board Secretary

Approved on July 22, 2026