TOWN OF SWANZEY

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MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator

RE: April 30, 2025, Agenda

DATE: May 7, 2025

CC: Meagen Kerris

1. **Call to Order – 5:30 pm**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**
   A. Regular Meeting
   B. Nonpublic Meetings

Minutes are tabled pending review

4. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Notice of Intent to Cut – M86-02/L244-02 – Kempton Road
   B. Notice of Intent to Cut – M233/L41– Holbrook Road
   C. Notice of Intent to Cut – M233/L20 Summer Street
   D. Notice of Intent to Cut – M216/L18 Forest Ave
   E. Permanent Applications for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions – M227L28/0/BG/54, M225L31, M101L22
   F. Gravel Tax Levy Operation – Operation # 24-441-01-E, Operation #24-441-04-E, Operation #24-441-06-E, 24-441-03-T

5. **Public Input**

6. **Appointments**
   A. Recognition and Presentation of certificates to West Swanzey TIF Committee
   B. Hoyle & Tanner – Update on Project #41403

7. **Consideration of New Business**
   A. Contractor Award for Fire Station

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to award (selected contractor) as the CM for the new fire station as proposed in their 2025 Fire Station Proposal in the amount of (amount proposed).

B. Reflection of Town Administrator Transition – Memo from Alex Torpey, Rethink Local
C. Update from Town Administrator – Fire Station Bond
D. Discussion of Town Clerk's Hours
E. World War II Heritage Cities Program
F. Acknowledgement of Donation/materials for Attendant's Shelter

8. **Consideration of Old Business**

A. Discussion of formation of Governance Committee
B. Discussion of formation of West Swanzey Water Company Committee
C. Formation of West Swanzey TIF Advisory Board

9. **Administrative Update**

10. **Correspondence**
A. General Assistance Report – Edna Coates

11. **Public Input**

12. **Non-public session pursuant to SA 91-A:3II as needed**

13. **Adjournment**

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETINGS

5-14 - Board of Selectmen meeting
4-21 - Board of Selectmen meeting
6-04 - Board of Selectmen meeting

PENDING BOARD MATTERS / PROJECTS

- SOP for Town Hall: As the Town continues along the pathway of changing how the public accesses Town Hall, and how outside visitors are able to access different parts of the building, it is important to create a clear policy that helps define process and expectations. Attached is a draft Alex wrote up for the BOS to consider that outlines the responsibilities for staff scheduling meetings, and staff checking in visitors. This should be discussed, edited as needed and then the Town Administrator should implement it.

- Board/Committee member terms

- Current position openings in Swanzey:
    - Detective - Full time and/or Part time
        - Posting Date: Nov 12, 2019 03:08 PM End Date: Open until filled

- On-Call Firefighters and EMTs positions
  - Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled
- Police Officers
  - Posting Date: Dec 30, 2024 03:08 PM End Date: Open until filled
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- Public Beach Attendants
  - Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled
- Public Beach Lifeguards
  - Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled
- Summer Camp Counselor
  - Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled
- Summer Camp Lifeguard
  - Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled

- Town Hall Facility Fixes
  - 🆕 4/23 see above policy for visitor/guest access to Town Hall. (In progress)
  - There are a few slightly connected updates related to the Town Hall building, including fixing the rear door, fixing several windows, as well as some other upgrades being considered, such as security cameras and potential layout changes. These are being investigated by staff with consideration of the new incoming TA as well as potential changes that may be enabled by the eventual move of the fire station out of the building. We will update back to the BOS when we have had a chance to discuss further and formulate the best proposed plans for the Board to review.

- Swanzey Lake Dam
  - RFQ listed above
  - Test releases are being coordinated for the summer months with Joe DiRusso and DES
- Webber Hill Road Stabilization –
  - Project is overall around ~60% done (with wall itself closer to 75% done). Expectation is completion by the summer.
- Rail Trail Improvements –
  - We received the engineering report from Hoyle Tanner on 1/30 and are currently reviewing it. The RTAC will get back to me with any feedback after their meeting Thursday night.
- Christian Hill Road Bridge Replacement – Design work has been progressing well but slowly. Current hold up is with the Division of Historical Resources regarding historic mitigation. As required, we listed this bridge for sale and received no bids so it can be hopefully repurposed at the Ashuelot Rail Trail to bridge one of the large washouts. We are waiting for DES approval to give clearance to move forward with design of bridge relocation. Then Hoyle Tanner will provide a scope of work and cost for design, which will be 100% funded by NHDOT because it is a mitigation project.
- California & North Winchester Street Reconstruction project – design work is nearing completion with final steps being environmental reviews and finalizing permissions and easements.
- Grange Hall Roof Repair – Work is substantially complete and we are scheduling a walkthrough.
- NHDOT Rt. 32 Bridge over Martin Brook and Dry Hydrant – Progress is slow, continuing to

work with DOT and DuBois & King. A design and cost estimate for the dry hydrant were provided to DOT on 1/28. Bidding for construction is now scheduled in March or ’26 with construction likely in ’27. A public hearing is expected this spring for a project update and revised schedule.

- Wastewater Solar Array –
    - Design, permitting, and other coordination has been underway with DES, Moonshot Missions, and ReVision Energy. This is on the Planning Board’s agenda for 2/27 for site plan review.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Study – We had the kickoff meeting with NHDES and Underwood Engineers on 1/21 and a stie visit with Underwood Engineers on 1/22. Current schedule is:
    - Metals & Phosphorus Removal Pilot Study — January – July 2025
    - Historical Review, Future Projections, WWTF Inspection — March 2025
    - Mid-point meeting with Town & NHDES — June 2025
    - Capacity and Future Upgrades — June 2025
    - Draft hard copy report for review by Town & NHDES — August 2025
    - Wrap-up meeting with Town & NHDES — September 2025
    - Final hard copy & electronic report — September 2025
    - Estimated completion — October 2025

- Brown Field Improvements – Staff is working on identifying grants or other funding sources.