Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – February 3, 2026
Whitcomb Hall
17 Main Street, Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair W. William Hutwelker III, at 6pm. at Whitcomb Hall, Main Street, Swanzey, NH. Other members present were Selectmen James Tempesta and Mark LaBelle. Also present were Town Administrator Lori Rautiola and Recording Secretary Susan Ells.

OTHERS PRESENT
Garret Ranney with FACT TV, Richard Lane, Scott Self, Michael York, Eric Mattson, Art Whipple, Jessica Ramsey-Sanchez, Theresa Lounder, Jim Ells, Kevin Westcott, Joseph Gonsalves, George Hoffman

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Labelle to approve the Consent Agenda. Tempesta seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.
A. Payroll Manifest
B. Accounts Payable Manifest
C. Raffle Permit- Swanzey Cal Ripken

PUBLIC INPUT
George Hoffman thanked the board for their decision on declining the Community Development Block Grant.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Proposal for New Fire Station Sign
The specifications for the sign were not in the Gordon Services contract, so the sign was not included in the bid from Gordon Services. The board reviewed the quote from Keene Sign Worx for a total cost of $4822.00. If the sign can be completed while Gordon Services is on site with their Lull, Gordon Services will install the sign at no charge, thereby reducing the cost to $3922.00.

Labelle made a motion to authorize the withdrawal of up to $5,000 from the Swanzey Fire Tools & Equipment Non-restricted account for the purchase and installation of a sign for the new Fire Station and to authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement with Keene Sign Worx. Tempesta seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Hutwelker recessed the meeting at 6:05pm until the Deliberative Session began at 7pm.
Chair Hutwelker reopened the meeting at 10:30pm for the purpose of discussing the result of the Deliberative Session. There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by LaBelle to adjourn the meeting; Hutwelker seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Adjournment occurred at 10:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ells, Recording Secretary
Approved on February 11, 2026