Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – April 10, 2026
620 Old Homestead Highway

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Tempesta at 9:15 am. At Town Hall 620 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, NH. Other members present were Selectmen Mark LaBelle, W William Hutwelker, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Town Administrator Lori Rautiola.

Non-public session(s) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a nonpublic 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 9:15 am. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present were Town Administrator Lori Rautiola, and 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 10:00 am.

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 briefly discussed the dates sent by the Chief for their monthly department meetings. The Board also discussed the proposed 2026 BOS schedule of meetings, and the Chair noted it would be discussed at the next board meeting.

The Board discussed an incident on Westport Village Road.

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 10:10 am. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Town Administrator Lori Rautiola

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 10:20 am.

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 meeting was reconvened at 10:20 am. Hutwelker passed out a document regarding net metering and discussed the benefits of supporting a House Bill to extend the years to 60 years. The Board concurred to support the House Bill.

Adjournment occurred at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rautiola
Town Administrator

Approved on April 15, 2026