Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – August 7, 2026
Whitcomb Hall
17 Main Street, Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Tempesta at 9:02am at Whitcomb Hall, Main Street, Swanzey, NH. Other members present were Selectmen Mark LaBelle, W William Hutwelker, James Ward and Alan Gross.

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS

Non-public session(s) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a nonpublic 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 9:03am. 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 WardAll were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed. The non-public session ended at 9:50am.

A motion was made by Name1 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; Name2 seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Non-public session(s) per RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring of a Public Employee

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a nonpublic 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 10:00am. 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 11:15am.

A motion was made by Name1 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; Name2 seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Non-public session(s) per RSA 91-A:3, II *(a) the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee.*

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) which was seconded by Alan Gross. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed**.** The Board entered the non-public session at 11:26am. 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 11:35am.

OLD BUSINESS

The board acknowledged the receipt of the monthly report from DPW; it was just not included in the meeting packet for the August 5 meeting.

The board voted to allow Bill Hutwelker and Jay Ward to represent the town in negotiating the change in phone service for town hall and other town buildings.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment occurred at 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Ward, Board Secretary

Approved on August 12, 2026