Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – September 29, 2026
Whitcomb Hall
17 Main Street, Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Tempesta at 4:32 pm 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 *(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 Jay Ward. All were in favor by Roll Call and the motion passed**.** The Board entered the non-public session at 4:33pm. Present were James Tempesta, Mark LaBelle, W. William Hutwelker III, James Ward and Alan Gross. Also present was Rick Robichaud.

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 4:54pm.

The Board considered two quotes for work on the Richardson Park roof and selected the bid from GDS Landmark Group. The amount of $37,500 will come from either the Richardson Park Capital Reserve or Expendable Trust account.

The Board then discussed the budget process and the various factors which will make this year a difficult task. Next, the Board discussed the need to engage video services for the various town meetings and considered next steps.

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 non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II b (hiring) which was seconded by Jay Ward. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Board entered the non-public session at 5:10 pm.

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 5:24pm.

The Board discussed how the weekend events scheduled for Whitcomb Hall would be facilitated. The Board also briefly discussed the town clerk's office staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark LaBelle to adjourn the meeting; Jay Ward seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Ward, Board Secretary
Approved on October 7, 2026