

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2026
7:00 PM
8:08 PM

Eric Durgin
Cory Hale
Paul Henninger

The meeting was called to order with all Municipal Officers present.

Ken Harmon, Kyle Estes, Patty Barber and Bruce McLaughlin were also present during the meeting.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the minutes from the August 20, 2026, meeting.

The Board signed the previously approved warrants dated August 27, 2026, and September 3, 2026.

The Board opened the following Sand Salt Bids received:

- 1.) Ken Harmon bid on item #6 for \$9.50 per cubic yard for a total of \$11,400.00. Insurance policy was not provided with bid but is on file with the office.
- 2.) George Anderson & Sons Sebago bid on item #5 for \$16.00 per cubic yard for a total of \$32,000.00. Insurance policy included with bid.
- 3.) P.Y. Estes bid on item #1 for \$9.91 per cubic yard for a total of \$11,892.00.
P.Y. Estes bid on item #2 for \$17.19 per cubic yard for a total of \$34,380.00.
P.Y. Estes bid on item #3 for \$7.49 per cubic yard for a total of \$44,940.00.
P.Y. Estes bid on item #6 for \$6.95 per cubic yard for a total of \$8,220.00.

The Board agreed to review the bids by each item at the next meeting and make their decision then.

Add Agenda Items: Skip added to discuss flags in new business.

Need Formal Motion to Approve Legal Action on Hiram Hill – The Board made a formal motion to proceed with legal action on Hiram Hill. All members voted in favor to proceed with legal action. This was a location correction from the last meeting.

Review Lease Agreement with Porter per agreement must notify by October 1st – The Board discussed having owned the parcel of land for the last 21 years and the lease agreement has been the same since the original agreement. The Board agreed to invite the Town of Porter to the next Board meeting to discuss increasing the lease agreement.

Sacopee Rescue – Who to invite and time frame – The Board asked to set up a workshop on September 30, 2026, at 7 PM with Cornish, Porter and Parsonsfield to discuss services provided and cost of the Sacopee Rescue. An invite will need to be sent out as soon as possible to allow for notification of the workshop to be posted.

Bankruptcy follow up – Dish Network – A notice of bankruptcy filing was received. The annual taxes are less than \$50. Marylou was looking into writing this amount off because it would cost more in legal fees to collect and the bankruptcy proceeding could take years. MMA's response is that we would have to wait till after the deadline is

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complete for collecting taxes and would need to be settled before new taxes are committed. Assessing advised that they can just remove it from the assessment roles due to the small amount. This will be held until next year.

Sign Mtn Trail Agreement – Eric, as Chair signed the agreement as presented.

Over Speed Limit Sign – Due to traffic incidents in the past and increased traffic with the upcoming fair the Board has agreed to purchase one over the speed limit sign for the \$454.99 price through Amazon. This will be placed on the other side of Hiram across the bridge.

Oil Bids – The Board reviewed the 2026-2027 winter fuel quote from CN Brown. Fixed price quoted on 4,000 gallons of #2 heating oil \$4.399 per gallon and kerosene fixed price at \$5.129 per gallon. Quote requests were sent to other suppliers but due to the current volatility in the oil market no other fixed pricing quotes were received. The Board approved to accept the fixed pricing from CN Brown.

Clemons Pond – Oxygen Meter – The Board suggested to go through the petition process if they would like to proceed with the town assisting with the purchase of an oxygen meter for the pond association.

Appt Conservation Committee – The Board reviewed and signed the appointment paper for Clay Neidlinger to join the Conservation Committee.

Plow Mt Cutler Parking Lot – The Board agreed to investigate the plowing of the Mt Cutler Parking lot suggested contacting the Snowmobile Club to see if they would be interested before checking with the plow contractor for East Hiram.

Camera and Headset for Zoom Meetings – The Board agreed to order one camera and two headsets for the two desktops in the office.

Video Surveillance System – The Board approved to request quotes to install a security system at the town office.

Email – Assessing Review Board – The Board conducted a workshop with our Assessing Department at 6:30 PM earlier that evening to discuss the idea of Hiram having a separate Assessing Review Board. The Board agreed that it is out of our scope to have one at the town level and residents have the right to utilize services at the county level. The Board motioned to leave the Assessing Review Board at the county level as is.

Mirror Sign Requested – New Settlement Rd – Laurie Adams requested a mirror sign to be placed coming off New Settlement Road. DOT advised against adding the sign due to liability reasons. The State just recently cut back the brush near the roadway. The Board declined the request to install the mirror sign.

Lisa's Hours – Morning Drop Off – Lisa requested flexible hours in the morning on the days that she needs to bring her Grandkids to school and daycare. The Board agreed to be flexible.

Flags – Skip advised that flags will be taken down the weekend after Labor Day. Extra brackets will be ordered for next year.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Fox