

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

January 26, 2026

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Ron Bocash, Brian Dubie, David Persons

Roads: Absent

Town Clerk: Absent

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: NWATV

Meeting Called to order at 7pm

1. Road crew is down one truck. Amazing that they are still doing such a great job when they are working with partial equipment. Thank you, Maurice and road crew!

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/5. Ron seconded. All in favor.

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/12. Ron seconded. All in favor.

2. Cathy updated on the financing for the grader. With the Selectboard's request to finance only \$164,500 of the cost through People's Trust Company the rates are 3.75% for 5 years, which is a correction since the last meeting (\$35,515/yr) or 3.25% for 3 years (\$56,778/yr).

Brian made a motion to approve the loan for 5 years at 3.75%. Ron seconded. All in favor.

3. Cathy reports that the auditors started last week and Cathy has been working on their testing as well journal entries, reconciliations, state and fed requirements for 1099's, W-2's, town report pages, and a requisition for reimbursement funds from the Common School Planning Grant.
4. Common School Working Group will come for an update on 2/9.
5. Public Hearing for the Bylaw Review will be at the SB meeting on 2/9.
6. OSHA has followed up and Cathy will review next steps.
7. David and Brian are working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Comments still welcome.
8. Health Officer reappointment signed. Health Officer update given.
9. Cathy reviewed updates to payroll processes for HSAs and Health Insurance Opt-Out payments.
10. David said 3 residents reached out about letters from ANR/Wetlands about issues with where their homes are situated on their lots. Homes were built 5-15 years ago. Wetlands is a State controlled delineation rather than Town bylaw issue.

Brian made a motion to approve the warrants. Ron seconded. All in favor.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded. All in favor.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Selectboard.