

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
4:30 PM Town Hall



Present: Matthew Riiska, Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez and Ruth Melville

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2025

MOTION H. Tirrell to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2025 meeting as presented.
Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

Selectman's Report

- New Firehouse – The bids came in considerably over budget. Four of the bids have been reopened resulting in the plumbing bid being reduced by \$230,000. We are now working with the architects to remove a few of the features on the building, i.e. roof monitor, hose tower and three bay garage. Some of these features removed can be added back onto the building at a later date.
- Mountain Road Bridge #2 – A meeting will be held to choose the engineering company that will be used for overseeing the project. The two choices are M & J Engineering or WMC Consulting Engineers.
- South Norfolk Bridges – Smith Road permanent bridge design and engineering is complete, and the State is now focusing on the Old Goshen Road bridge.
- Route 44 Wall Project – Old Colony Road will be closed to “thru” traffic because it has become dangerous with too many people using it to bypass the construction. A gate will be installed on the Route 44 end that will allow access for mutual aid in case of an emergency. Old Colony Road will be open to local traffic on the North Street (Rt 272) side.
- Fire District – M. Riiska is looking into creating a fire district to spread the cost of our NFVD and EMS services to include local non-profit organizations. An ordinance will need to be written and approved.
- QuickBooks – The Town has switched over to QuickBooks and will be looking into a cloud-based service which will allow the three employees to share information.
- Road Projects – Milling and chip sealing will begin 8/26 on Doolittle Drive, Wheeler Road and Shantry Road.
- Shepard Road – Upon completion of the road Aquarion will be responsible for milling, paving and curbing. The town will be milling and paving the five-corner intersection to tie it in with Shepard Road.
- Town Meeting will be held in September for the fire district plans.
- South Norfolk Cemetery – The granite posts have been purchased and will be installed in the back section of the cemetery to mark out the new row of plots and a path. We will be using crushed stone from the Route 44 wall project for a pathway.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- Botelle School slide – The company sent a sketch of what they want the Town to do to shore up the area where the stanchions are. They will be providing a mat for the hill.
- Botelle School boilers have been completed.
- WIN weekend went very well.

MOTION H. Tirrell to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Second M. Riiska. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Gomez". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a cursive "Gomez".

Barbara Gomez, Secretary