

**Town of Haverhill
SELECTBOARD MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
March 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Robert E. Clifford Memorial Building**

Zoom link to the recording:

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Selectboard Members Present:

Rod O'Shana, Ron Hurlburt, Theresa Paige, and Joe Longacre. A quorum was met.

Selectboard Members Absent:

None

Attendees In Person:

Margo Longacre, Evelyn Elms, Dawn Lavoie, Bridget Lanctot, Darwin Clogston, Shawn Bigelow, Dick Guy, Erik White, Dottie Long, Regis Roy, Lisa Edwards, Howard Hatch
Alex Nuti-de Biasi (Journal Opinion)

Attendees Online:

Jess Young, Melinda Boutin, Jessica Moody

CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Shana called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair O'Shana added an item to the Agenda.

MOTION #1: J. Longacre made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. T. Paige seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #2: R. Hurlburt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2025

MOTION #3: R. Hurlburt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 10, 2025, as written. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Tax Interest Waive

Chair O'Shana said in 2022, someone in the Town Office changed an individual's address for the tax bill to a non-mailable mailing address. So, she has not received her bills. The resident has paid her taxes to date, but was charge \$2,810.47 in interest.

MOTION #4: R. O'Shana made a motion to waive \$2,810.47 in interest on Map 204, Lot 15. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

Elevator Status

Chair O'Shana explained the elevator in the building must be operational to be ADA compliant. Currently, the second-floor accordion door is broken and the circuit board needs to be replaced.

MOTION #5: J. Longacre made a motion to repair the elevator at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. R. Hurlburt seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

Recruitment Update

Chair O'Shana reported they have received a proposal from MRI and another proposal is pending. He hopes the Board can make a decision next week and move forward on filling the Town Administrator position. The last candidate withdrew their application.

HealthTrust Contract

Chair O'Shana shared the HealthTrust contract for June 2025 to June 2026. It reflects an 8 percent increase. If anyone has questions, they can send them to him.

Fire Truck Sales Agreement

Chair O'Shana shared the purchase sales agreement for the engine in Haverhill Corner for \$450,000, which has been reviewed by Town counsel. He also shared documentation for the purchase of the new truck.

MOTION #6: R. Hurlburt made a motion to give Acting Town Administrator O'Shana and Fire Chief Blanchard the authority to sign the sale and purchase documents for the fire truck.

R. Hurlburt rescinded the motion.

MOTION #7: R. Hurlburt made a motion to give Acting Town Administrator O'Shana and Fire Chief Blanchard the authority to sign for the transfer of the existing fire truck and the purchase of the new truck, and the authority to sign off on the loan payment. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 3-0-1, with R. O'Shana abstaining.

Erik White Sale

Chair O'Shana reported Howard Hatch's lease is up on this land. The documentation has been sent to Town counsel for information regarding putting it out for bid or extending the lease. Mr. Hatch provided background information on this land and lease. Chair O'Shana said he noted in the email to counsel that Mr. Hatch has tended to the field within the restrictions of the airport for the last 25 years or more.

MOTION #8: R. Hurlburt made a motion to sell Lot 60, 3.66 acres for a purchase price of \$12,000 to Erik White. T. Paige seconded the motion.

Discussion: R. Hurlburt is pleased to see Mr. White's business expanding.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Chair O'Shana announced the Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on April 25th from 12 to 5 p.m. in the James R. Morrill Building.

41-43 Central Street, 79-E Application

Chair O'Shana said an application was submitted for the Community Revitalization Tax Relief program for this property earlier this year, but was blank. In the past, it was abated from \$700,000 to \$350,000. An application needs to be submitted every year. Chair O'Shana reached out to the commercial assessor, who reached out to the applicant. A public hearing will be held on April 7th.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

R. Hurlburt – Conservation Commission

R. Hurlburt reported there was a meeting last week, but he has not seen the minutes.

Joe Longacre – Planning Board

J. Longacre reported on cases being presented to the Planning Board.

Rod O’Shana – Airport Zoning Commission

The next meeting will be in June 2025.

Joe Longacre - Zoning Board

There is no meeting scheduled.

Public Safety Facility Committee

Chair O’Shana reported there will not be a new public facility due to budgetary restraints.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair O’Shana said he received emails from residents about how the Town Meeting was conducted. Many were complimentary of Moderator Peter Tice and the flow of information to and from the floor.

PUBLIC WANTING TO ADDRESS THE SELECT BOARD REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (3 minutes maximum)

Darwin Clogston asked about items on the agenda that were not addressed at this meeting. Chair O’Shana apologized, and covered those items.

Dottie Long said the Moderator announced where non-residents should sit at the beginning of the Town Meeting, but it wasn’t repeated for latecomers. She expressed concern that non-residents were voting. She complimented the Moderator on his work during the meeting.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER FINAL COMMENTS

T. Paige thanked Melinda Boutin for her hard work and efforts.

Chair O’Shana thanked everyone who came to the Town Meeting and wished more people would attend. He thanked Roy Regis and her helpers for the work they did.

NON-PUBLIC MEETING

A non-public session was held per RSA 91-A:3, II RSA 91-A:3, II (a,b): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; and the hiring of any person as a public employee.

MOTION #9: J. Longacre made a motion to exit the public meeting and enter non-public session. R. Hurlburt seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: The motion carried 4-0-0.

The cameras were turned off at 6:31 p.m.
The Board returned to public meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Haggeli