## TOWN OF COLEBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Hall - Land Use Office

Monday, September 8th, 2025 7 PM

## **Regular Meeting**

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Called to Order at 7:00pm.
  - a) Members present: E. Marmer, AJ Ruwet, B. Bremer
  - b) Others present: J. Hemingson, E. Travis, D. Wilber
- 2. Approved minutes from special meeting held August 18<sup>th</sup> as distributed.
- 3. Road Foreman's report reviewed.
- 4. Discussion of Legal issues tabled.
- 5. Pisgah Mountain Rd Advisory Committee
  - a) Motion to add Public Comment agenda item for Pisgah Mt. Road topics: moved, Marmer,; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ruwet; vote, unanimous.
    - Public Comments as follows:
  - b) Finance and Inland Wetlands chair Duncan Wilber voiced two concerns and potential remedy about the proposed Committee composition:
    - that inclusion of two selectmen and their directly reporting public-works foreman, constituting a Committee majority on a BoS advisory committee, created a distinct undermining of the purpose of such committee as well as creating an obvious administrative conflict of interest;
    - ii) that the proposed five-member composition included little to no :engineering/technical expertise central to such a Committee's purpose
    - that additional Committee member(s) with that expertise among Town residents were many and available and should be appointed to the Committee to help mitigate the other concerns
  - c) Conservation Commission chair Joyce Hemingson recommended that a Statement of Best Practices and a Map be added to the proposed Maintenance Plan for Pisgah Mtn Rd.
  - d) Motion: That the Board of Selectmen create a Pisgah Mtn Rd Advisory Committee comprised of two members from the Colebrook Conservation Committee and two from the Board of Selectmen, and including the Dept of Public Works Foreman. And that the Committee be empowered to create a Maintenance Plan for this wild and scenic-designated road, which would include a Statement of Best Practices and a Map. Moved, Ruwet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marmer; vote unanimous.

- e) Motion: That the Board of Selectmen appoint Joyce Hemingson, Edna Travis, Brad Bremer, AJ Ruwet, and Bill Jasmin to the Pisgah Mtn Rd Advisory Committee; moved, Ruwet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marmer; vote, unanimous.
- 6. Affordable Housing update
  - a) Tabling/reintroduction of HB 5002 looking at early 2026 allows AH meetings to resume,
  - b) Next meeting hopefully this month, date/time still TBD.
- 7. Zoning Enforcement Agent Support Services proposal reviewed
  - a) \$2100/monthly services contract to 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- 8. Lighting proposal for Colebrook Consolidated School reviewed
- 9. Reviewed budget FY 25/26.
- 10. Approved tax refunds as presented.
- 11. Paid bills as presented.
- 12. Adjourned at 7:17pm; moved, Ruwet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marmer; vote, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of September, 2026 by

Ernie Marmer Selectman abs BoS Secretary