**TOWN OF COLEBROOK**
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 24th, 2026**

**Special Meeting**

| Members Present | Members Absent | Others Present |
|---|---|---|
| Brad Bremer | | |
| AJ Ruwet | | |
| Alyssa Correll | | |

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall second floor meeting room.

2. The proposed FY 2026/27 Selectmen's budget was discussed (see attached), with agreement to present to the Board of Finance on February 26th, 2026.

3. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by AJ Ruwet, seconded by Alyssa Correll.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Bremer
First Selectman

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**Draft Budget 2/26/26**

| | FY 25-26 | FY 26-27 | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | $830,743 | $844,480 | 1.7% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | $92,467 | $91,391 | -1.2% |
| HIGHWAY | $831,009 | $849,639 | 2.2% |
| TOWN HALL EXPENDITURES | $69,800 | $65,600 | -6.0% |
| COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER | $56,223 | $57,495 | 2.3% |
| HEALTH | $44,671 | $45,138 | 1.0% |
| MISCELLANEOUS | $74,250 | $79,405 | 6.9% |
| SUB TOTAL BUDGET | $1,999,163 | $2,033,148 | 1.7% |
| REFUSE/RECYCLE | $278,229 | $290,500 | 4.4% |
| TOTAL BUDGET | $2,277,392 | $2,323,648 | 2.0% |

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| **100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT** | | | |
| 101 · FIRST SELECTMAN | $50,000 | $51,500 | 3.0% |
| 102 · 2ND & 3RD SELECTMAN | $8,920 | $9,188 | 3.0% |
| 103 · C.O.S.T. | $975 | $975 | 0.0% |
| 104 · SELECTMEN EXPENSES | $850 | $850 | 0.0% |
| 105 · PROBATE COURT | $2,000 | $2,000 | 0.0% |
| 106 · ELECTIONS | $22,000 | $19,178 | -12.8% |
| 106A REGISTRARS | $14,000 | $14,420 | 3.0% |
| 107 · BOARD OF FINANCE | $500 | $500 | 0.0% |
| 108 · BOARD OF ASSESSORS | $32,623 | $47,182 | 44.6% |
| 109 · ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE | $13,598 | $4,129 | -69.6% |
| 111 · BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEAI | $750 | $750 | 0.0% |
| 112 · TAX COLLECTOR | $27,137 | $27,951 | 3.0% |
| 113 · TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES | $3,617 | $5,731 | 58.4% |
| 114 · TREASURER | $19,055 | $19,627 | 3.0% |
| 115 · TREASURER'S EXPENSE | $500 | $500 | 0.0% |
| 116 · TOWN ATTORNEY | $24,000 | $10,000 | -58.3% |
| 117 · TOWN CLERK | $55,913 | $57,590 | 3.0% |
| 118 · TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE | $4,295 | $4,445 | 3.5% |
| 119 · ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK | $16,878 | $15,763 | -6.6% |
| 120 · BUILDING INSPECTOR | $16,714 | $17,215 | 3.0% |
| 121 · BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSES | $1,000 | $1,500 | 50.0% |
| 122 · F.V.H.D. | $10,381 | $10,590 | 3.0% |
| 123 · PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION | $1,500 | $1,500 | 0.0% |
| 124 · ZBA | $500 | $500 | 0.0% |
| 125 · INLAND-WETLANDS AGENCY | $500 | $500 | 0.0% |
| 126 · ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | $55,950 | $57,629 | 3.0% |
| 127 · LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR | $8,000 | $25,200 | 215.0% |
| 128 · SOCIAL SECURITY | $50,312 | $49,707 | -1.2% |
| 130 · PENSION RESER. & CONTRIB. | $15,645 | $16,114 | 3.0% |
| 131 · EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INS. | $191,012 | $202,979 | 6.3% |
| 132 · TOWN INSURANCE | $119,744 | $122,593 | 2.4% |
| 134 · RECREATION BOARD | $9,000 | $9,000 | 0.0% |
| 134A LIFEGUARDS | $5,755 | $5,963 | 3.6% |
| 135 · AUDITOR | $21,450 | $22,950 | 7.0% |
| 136 · ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR | $1,877 | $1,933 | 3.0% |
| 137 TOWN HALL ADMIN. SUPPORT | $5,255 | $5,286 | 0.6% |
| 138 - CCM | $1,042 | $1,042 | 0.0% |
| 139 - ASSISTANT ASSESSOR | $17,495 | $0 | -100.0% |
| **TOTAL OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT** | $830,743 | $844,480 | 1.7% |

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| **200 PUBLIC SAFETY** | | | |
| 201 · FIRE MARSHAL | $4,841 | $4,986 | 3.0% |
| 203 · FIRE PROTECTION | $63,020 | $60,975 | -3.2% |
| 204 · CONSTABLES | $150 | $150 | 0.0% |
| 206 · LITCHFIELD COUNTY DISPATCH | $17,656 | $18,276 | 3.5% |
| 207 - ANIMAL CONTROL | $6,800 | $7,004 | 3.0% |
| **TOTAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY** | $92,467 | $91,391 | -1.2% |
| **300 HIGHWAY** | | | |
| 301 · ROAD CREW WAGES | $261,009 | $268,839 | 3.0% |
| 302 · ROAD CREW OVERTIME | $22,000 | $30,000 | 36.4% |
| 303A - TOWN GARAGE FUEL | $32,000 | $32,000 | 0.0% |
| 303B - TOWN GARAGE LUBRICANTS | $3,000 | $3,000 | 0.0% |
| 304A - TOWN GARAGE PARTS | $25,000 | $30,000 | 20.0% |
| 304B - TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS | $30,000 | $30,000 | 0.0% |
| 304C-TOWN GARAGE RENTALS | $5,000 | $5,000 | 0.0% |
| 305 · WINTER MAINTENANCE | $120,000 | $120,000 | 0.0% |
| 306 · ROAD MAINTENANCE | $84,000 | $70,000 | -16.7% |
| 306A- UNIMPROVED ROADS | $0 | $14,000 | n/a |
| 307 · OIL PROGRAM | $175,000 | $175,000 | 0.0% |
| 308 · STREET LIGHTS | $1,100 | $1,100 | 0.0% |
| 309 · TOWN GARAGE UTILITIES | $16,000 | $13,800 | -13.8% |
| 310 · TOWN GARAGE SUPPORT | $7,000 | $7,000 | 0.0% |
| 311 · TREE REMOVAL | $35,000 | $35,000 | 0.0% |
| 312 - TOWN GARAGE ENVIRONMENTA | $8,900 | $8,900 | 0.0% |
| 313 - TOWN GARAGE BLDG MAINTENA | $6,000 | $6,000 | 0.0% |
| **TOTAL OF HIGHWAY** | $831,009 | $849,639 | 2.2% |
| **400 TOWN HALL EXPENDITURES** | | | |
| 401 · OFFICE SUPPLIES | $10,000 | $10,000 | 0.0% |
| 402 · TOWN HALL UTILITIES | $31,800 | $27,600 | -13.2% |
| 403 · TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE | $26,000 | $26,000 | 0.0% |
| 405 · MISCELLANEOUS | $2,000 | $2,000 | 0.0% |
| **TOTAL OF TOWN HALL EXPENDITURE** | $69,800 | $65,600 | -6.0% |
| **480 SENIOR CENTER/COMMUNITY HALL** | | | |
| 482 · SENIOR CENTER MAINTENANCE | $14,000 | $14,000 | 0.0% |
| 485 · SITE MANAGER | $31,823 | $32,783 | 3.0% |
| 487 · VAN & DRIVER | $10,400 | $10,712 | 3.0% |
| **TOTAL OF SENIOR CENTER/COMMUNI** | $56,223 | $57,495 | 2.3% |
| **500 HEALTH** | | | |
| 501 · VITAL STATISTICS | $26 | $26 | 0.0% |

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| 502 · FOOTHILL NURSING | $6,039 | $6,039 | 0.0% |
| 504 · SUSAN B. ANTHONY | $1,500 | $2,000 | 33.3% |
| 505 · WINSTED AMBULANCE | $16,000 | $15,000 | -6.3% |
| 506 · ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM | $813 | $780 | -4.1% |
| 508 · REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH | $1,000 | $1,000 | 0.0% |
| 509 · PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT | $8,038 | $8,038 | 0.0% |
| 510 · NORFOLK AMBULANCE | $5,000 | $6,000 | 20.0% |
| 511 · NORTHWEST CORNER CHORE SI | $500 | $500 | 0.0% |
| 512 COLEBROOK FIRST RESPONDER | $5,755 | $5,755 | 0.0% |
| **TOTAL OF HEALTH** | $44,671 | $45,138 | 1.0% |
| **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | |
| 601 · LIBRARY | $19,081 | $19,463 | 2.0% |
| 602 · CEMETERIES | $4,000 | $4,000 | 0.0% |
| 603 · DATA PROCESSING | $24,945 | $28,248 | 13.2% |
| 604 · WINSTED YSB | $2,572 | $2,472 | -3.9% |
| 606 · NWCOG | $1,095 | $1,120 | 2.3% |
| 607 · FARMINGTON RIVER | $550 | $472 | -14.2% |
| 608 · MICRO-FILMING MAPS | $1,661 | $1,661 | 0.0% |
| 610 - CONSERVATION COMMISSION | $400 | $400 | 0.0% |
| 611 - COMPUTER IT | $17,866 | $16,660 | -6.8% |
| 611A- IT LIAISON | $2,080 | $4,909 | 136.0% |
| **TOTAL OF MISCELLANEOUS** | $74,250 | $79,405 | 6.9% |
| **TOTAL OF SELECTMAN BUDGET** | $1,999,163 | $2,033,148 | 1.7% |
| **700 REFUSE/RECYCLE** | | | |
| 702 · TOWN'S RECYCLING | $278,229 | $290,500 | 4.4% |
| **TOTAL OF REFUSE/RECYCLE** | $278,229 | $290,500 | 4.4% |