Town of Canterbury, NH
Board of Selectmen
Date: 2026 September 21
Location: Meeting House

Selectmen: Scott Doherty (Chair), Beth Blair, Calvin Todd

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

Department Heads: Sam Papps (Town Clerk-Tax Collector), Justin Crotty (Police Chief), John O'Connor (Road Agent), Rachel Baker (Library Director)

Others Present: Kal McKay (Admin Assistant), Edgar Rivera (Libertad Press NE), Alex Young, Kevin Bragg (HDC Chair), Naomi Scanlon (Tricentennial Co-Chair), Heidi Southard (Tricentennial Co-Chair), David Scanlon, Judy Nelson (Canterbury Benevolent Society), Randi Johnson

1. Call to Order
    a. The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.
2. Department Heads
    a. Sam Papps (Town Clerk-Tax Collector)
        i. Sam distributed the All Unpaid Receivables Listed by Warrant 9/21/2026.
        ii. Payments are trickling in for the Spring 2026 tax bill, but they are unusually slow.
        iii. There has still been no communication from Beulah Fellowship. They will be up for deeding in the spring along with the other properties in the 2024L01 section of the document.
        iv. Sam and Jessica Treadway will be back to discuss the 11/3 election at the October meeting.
    b. Justin Crotty (Police Chief)
        i. Chief Crotty distributed speed data documents for Old Tilton Road, Kimball Pond Road, and Southwest Road. Each were monitored for a week.
            1. Old Tilton Road had 344 vehicles and only 3 enforceable violations. The speed limit is 30 mph and the fastest was 68 mph.
            2. Kimball Pond Road had 5K vehicles and only 49 enforceable violations. The speed limit is 40 mph and the fastest was 71 mph.
            3. Southwest Road had 14K vehicles and only 130 enforceable violations. The speed limit is 40 mph and the fastest was 72 mph.
            4. Since all three were at 1% enforceable violations, they will not be increasing patrols.
        ii. Canterbury Elementary School Traffic
            1. See Selectboard minutes 9/1/26 section 3.c. for previous discussion.
            2. Chief Crotty reported that he met with CES Principal Erin Chubb last Monday. He presented her with several options for how to improve traffic. She said she is open to all of them, but will have to run it by the School Board.
            3. The options given were:
                1. Switching the entry and exit. This would result in a longer area for parents to pause in the parking lot, would have better visibility for those who end up pausing in the road, and would prevent people from pausing on the hill when it is icy. It would take time for people to learn the change and the angled parking lines would need to be repainted.
                2. Create two lanes in the parking lot. The right lane could be for parents who have to get out of the car to unbuckle younger children. The left lane could be for children

who can get out of the car quickly. Everyone would pull up to the end of the parking lot to allow more cars to fit in the parking lot rather than pausing in the road.

3. Have the teachers park in the back parking lot next to the soccer field. This would result in more parking spaces near the front so parents who need to help their kids get out of the car would be able to pull out of the way.
4. Ms. Chubb agreed to a temporary measure of having the busses pull all the way to the end of the parking lot so they don't block the entrance and more cars can pull into the parking lot.
5. Alex Young of Baptist Hill Road spoke about how he is happy that options are being discussed and that this has been brought to CES. Last year he saw a parent almost get t-boned by someone who got impatient with the line of parents and crossed the double yellow line to pass them. He asked if a police officer could be stationed at the school during pickup/dropoff to direct traffic.
6. Chief Crotty explained that it is illegal for parents to stop in the road like they have been. If an officer was present, they would have to move parents along or give out tickets.
7. There was extensive discussion about the merits of having a police officer present. Mr. Young was frustrated that he had brought this up to the Selectboard last year and nothing was done. Chief Crotty explained that officers already are told to be at the school if other calls don't require their presence elsewhere.
8. Calvin thought it would be worth it to have an officer posted. We can't encourage parents to park in the center since that parking lot is private property. The Municipal Complex could be an option, but it could block emergency vehicles. The resource officer that is at the school a couple days a week is there to talk with the children, not direct traffic. Maybe teachers could be trained to direct traffic or act as cross guards. Maybe officers could be specifically scheduled to be there temporarily until one of the three proposed solutions could be agreed upon.
9. There was general consensus that this issue has been getting worse every year. One cause is that the lack of bus drivers has led to scheduling problems. The service has been very unreliable so more parents are electing to dropoff and pickup themselves.
10. Unfortunately, the Selectboard doesn't have the authority to force CES to change their parking lot, so we have to wait for the School District to decide on a solution. In the meantime, an officer could be helpful.

c. Rachel Baker (Library Director)
   i. The statistics from the IMLS for 2025 are finally in. Rachel emailed them to the Selectboard. They are late this year due to federal funding issues. These statistics are helpful for determining library usage and collection size.
   ii. On October 20th, the Library will be hosting a program at the Municipal Building with the Fire and Police Departments. Normally they come to the Library for the presentation, but this year they decided to go up to the station instead.
   iii. The apple picking event will be 9/29. This year they will be going to Apple Hill Orchard.
   iv. Mary Ellen MacCoy has retired. She insisted on not having a celebration, but Rachel wanted to formally recognize her tenure as a valuable employee. Mary Ellen worked for Elkins Public Library since 2017.
   v. Rachel added that she has been there since 2008, Rose since 2014, Mary Ann since 2013, and Lauren since 2025. She thanked her staff.
   vi. She can't stay for the HVAC update due to the Library Trustees meeting, but she affirmed they are eager to have heat.
d. John O'Connor (Road Agent)

i. Someone has dumped tires in town twice now. Once on the corner of Hackleboro Road and Briar Bush Road and once on Baptist Hill Road by the pond. It has been dozen car tires each time. The PD is aware.
ii. The Transfer Station has been mowed and they are close to shipping recyclables.
iii. Highway has changed a few culverts, done some grading, and they got to use the new slide-in water tank for the first time today.
iv. For the first time this summer none of the trucks are out for repairs.
v. The newest employee is preparing for their CDL class. The other employee without a CDL will be taking their driving test this week.
vi. Salt Shed Update
    1. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 8 for previous discussion.
    2. Ken has been working with Iron Horse on the salt shed possibilities. He passed around some photos for the Selectboard to view and summarized the options.
    3. Ken will work with the company to get prices on several options for the Selectboard to consider.
    4. It would be ideal if we could go with an option that doesn't require digging so we don't risk finding landfill. If we are able to go with a design that is the same footprint as the current salt shed, we might not need a new foundation.
    5. Aries Engineering had identified another location on the Transfer Station site that could be used for the salt shed, but Ken isn't sure what sitework would need to be done to get that site setup.
    6. Beth asked if these design options would allow hanging the sanders, as had been discussed at one point. Calvin suggested hanging them at the Municipal Complex might better serve the Highway Dept.

e. Michael Gamache (Fire Chief)
i. Chief Gamache couldn't attend the meeting, but he emailed Ken an update.
ii. The new engine is away for its first service and to address some punchlist items. It should return to town later this week.
iii. On Monday October 12th at about 5 p.m. they will have a "push in ceremony" to celebrate the new engine. Invites will be sent out soon.
iv. The Dept. has been working on numerous inspections and life safety drills. On 10/14 they will be doing demos for CES and the annual CES inspection has been scheduled.
v. The Dept. has been working with Canterbury Behavioral Health to update their emergency response plan.
vi. The delivery of the new command car has been pushed back to October. Alterations will be done this week to convert the current command car into Rescue 1.

3. Tricentennial Committee
a. Tricentennial Committee Co-Chairs Naomi Scanlan and Heidi Southard attended. They distributed copies of a statement, design proposal, and the tentative 2027 schedule.
b. Carriage Shed
i. Naomi read out the statement requesting support and permission from the Selectboard to build a historic reproduction of the Carriage Shed that burned down in the 1943 fire. They would like to use community fundraising to build a timber framed 16' x 50' structure to the north of the Elkins Public Library parking lot (~20' north of the pavement). It would be used as an event space. She went into detail about the structure, timeline, and funding. Such a project would need to be approved at Town Meeting in March 2027; if approved, work could begin Spring 2027 and finish in Fall 2027, hopefully in time for a harvest dinner the Tricentennial Committee would like to host. Steve and Betty Fifield have pledged $20K, provided a design, and would do the construction. The Committee estimates another $78K

worth of money, labor, and supplies would need to be raised. They have also received several pledges totaling $5K and various materials.

ii. They are requesting permission to build the structure, give it to the Town, and create a maintenance endowment. If possible, they would also like the Highway Department to help with some site work.

iii. There was extensive discussion about the design and placement details. There would be 4 bays making one large open space. The doors on the western corner could be opened to make that corner open to the outside. A 5th bay on the eastern side could be used for storage. They would like to site it so there is still room to drive a truck around the building.

iv. Naomi and Heidi have spoken with Julie Dewdney, from the Canterbury Community Farmers Market and Julie is concerned this will limit space for farmers market vendors. Naomi believes this building could be used for the market; vendors may just have to unload their trucks instead of parking them behind their tents as they do now.

v. Scott asked what their intent is regarding the Sam Lake Trust Fund. Naomi explained that since they would be building on land that was originally Sam Lake's, they were hoping the maintenance endowment could be linked to the current trust fund, but they haven't checked the legality of that idea yet. Ken will reach out to the Citizens Bank trustees that manage the Sam Lake Trust Fund and the Trustees of the Trust Funds to look into the options.

vi. Scott asked Kevin about bringing this to the HDC. Kevin confirmed the HDC should review this, and explained that ideally all of the technical details and required approvals (HDC, Selectboard, etc.) would be worked out before this goes to Town Meeting. That way the citizens can vote on a defined and doable project.

vii. Calvin asked about the fundraising timeline. Naomi explained that they want start soliciting pledges asap so they can understand if raising the money is feasible.

viii. If they were to ask the Town for monetary contribution, they would need a solid number for the public hearings in January. Ideally they would know in November, so the proposal could be brought to the Budget Committee in December.

ix. The Tricentennial Committee is part of the Historical Society, which is a non-profit, not part of the municipal government. Donations to this project would be tax deductible.

x. Naomi asked if the Highway Dept. could dig the foundation. They would like to create a cement frost wall and have a hardpack floor inside (but design it so a floor could be added later).

xi. Beth asked for a better site plan than the diagram provided and suggested it go to the Planning Board too. She wondered if the south-facing roof could be used for solar.

xii. Heidi asked if they had Selectboard support and permission to ask for pledges. The Selectboard were receptive to the idea, but acknowledged there are a lot of questions that need to be answered about finances, placement, and construction. Beth felt it was premature for the Tricentennial Committee to begin soliciting pledges for this project.

xiii. John didn't think this building would get in the way of snow removal in the parking lot. However, there was a question about how far it could be setback before the swale in the back became an issue.

xiv. There was further discussion about the design and potential funding sources.

xv. Calvin pointed out that the Town would have to manage maintenance and renting/lending out the space. The Tricentennial Committee are hoping that the maintenance could be covered by the trust they create, and they could forecast how many years that money would be able to cover costs.

xvi. Scott asked that they confirm all the groups in the community that were mentioned, especially CCFMA, are firmly on board with this project.

xvii. The Town also needs to determine how it would formally allow a non-profit to build on Town-owned land and then donate the building to the municipality.
xviii. Beth was hesitant and wanted time to think about it. She had expected a more open pavilion type of building. Kevin explained the doors could be opened during events and being able to close it will prevent issues with birds and the weather.
xix. Calvin was concerned about how rental of the building would be managed, especially the storage. The Town could use the same policy as renting the Town Hall and a storage agreement could be negotiated for whoever wants to use the 5th bay.
xx. Naomi will come to the office to schedule getting on the agendas for PB, HDC, and ZBA (only if the site plan shows setbacks would be an issue). Kal will try to make it a joint public hearing.

c. Heidi reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2027 calendar of events.
   i. Ken brought up that he had looked into how the Town's insurance company, Primex, wanted to treat events hosted by the Historical Society/Tricentennial Committee. Since those are not municipal groups, they need to have insurance when doing events on town-owned property. Mike Bertalone is working on getting a policy set up for the Historical Society that could cover all of these events.
   ii. On January 1st, they would like to have a bonfire in the Center. There was some discussion about the potential locations and size of the fire. If there is space, they would like it so people could bring their Christmas trees. Ken will look into the options.
   iii. May 20th, is the 300th anniversary. On May 29th, they would like to use the whole Center for a commemoration day that would include walking tours, food, talks, etc.
   iv. Grappone Automotive does oil change fundraisers where they bring out some vans and offer on-site oil changes. They would charge $50 and give it all to the Tricentennial Committee. This could be hosted at the Library parking lot or the Municipal Building parking lot. Ken will check with Primex, but we probably just need a certificate of insurance from Grappone.
   v. There are a variety of other events they would like to use the Library and Town Hall for.
   vi. They are still putting things together, but have a tentative budget of $11K, and half of that already raised through donations. If they think they are coming up short, they may ask for a small warrant article and/or charge for some of the events.
   vii. They nixed the idea of fireworks as too expensive.

4. 2027 Fireworks
   a. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 5 for previous discussion.
   b. Beth asked if it was possible for JPI Pyrotechnics to do something special with the Independence Day fireworks next year to celebrate the Tricentennial. Ken said he asked and was waiting for them to get back to him with that information.
   c. There was discussion about the 2027 date for fireworks. The Selectboard previously decided on Saturday the 3rd, but JPI said they could only do Friday the 2nd or Monday the 5th. Through email, Scott and Beth landed on the 2nd.
   d. Kevin (as Friends of Canterbury Center member) and Calvin explained that Monday the 5th would be a better choice so that FOCC could host the children's activities in the afternoon. Monday is when the holiday will be observed nationally, so families will have the day off, as opposed to Friday when they will have to wait for work to get out.
   e. The Selectboard agreed to ask JPI if Monday the 5th is still available.
   f. Ken sent out an email request to JPI. Later in the meeting, Ken got an email reply from JPI confirming that Monday, July 5th, 2027 would work and they could do a rain date on either the 10th or 11th.
5. Judy Nelson re Clothing Donation Bin
   a. Judy Nelson attended the meeting to represent the Canterbury Benevolent Society.

b. Judy explained that CBS would like to place a clothing donation bin in the Library parking lot next to the current book donation bin. CBS has been hosting a clothing swap for several years and there is always left over clothing that needs to be stored until someone can pick it up. Having this bin would allow CBS to dispose of the extras right away, provide an additional convenient drop off location (besides CES and the Transfer Station), and be a way for CBS to earn money.
c. This bin would have no cost to the Town. It is done through a company called Ecosmith Recycles Inc. who provide the bin and pickup at the boxes (usually) every two weeks. They pay the organization associated with the bin money per pound of clothing.
d. Judy spoke with Library Director Rachel Baker, and Rachel didn't have any objections.
e. The bin at CES is also through Ecosmith. It funds the garden club at the school, and is often overflowing. No one present knew where the one at the Transfer Station came from.
f. John said that he didn't have any concerns about plowing, since the boxes would be off the pavement and behind the telephone pole.
g. Kevin said that it should probably go through the HDC since it is a private entity. He also suggested placing it somewhere else instead like the Parish House or Sam Lake House.
h. Calvin and Kevin both expressed concern about taking up another parking space for a second donation bin. There was some discussion about how far off the pavement the current box is and if it really prevents parking in the spot in front of it.
i. The Selectboard approved the proposal with the condition that it is also approved by the HDC.

6. Administration
   a. The Selectboard signed:
      i. Beth made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of $41,918.84. Scott seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
      ii. Beth made a motion to sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of $61,161.10. Scott seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
      iii. Interfund transfer from TDBank Operating A/C to Conservation Commission Fund in the amount of $15,231.50. This is to deposit LUCT payments.
      iv. A letter authorizing Ken to be the principal contact for ReVision Energy on the Library HVAC installation.
         1. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 7.g. for decision to send this letter.
   b. Previous Minutes Approval
      i. Kal read aloud the suggested changes to the 9/1/26 public minutes.
         1. Line 30: change "that skillset" to "the skills to drive a standard truck".
      ii. Scott made a motion to approve the public minutes as amended for the Selectboard meeting on September 1, 2026. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
      iii. Selectboard decided on two amendments to the 9/1/26 non-public minutes.
         1. Line 49: insert "try to"
         2. Line 84: change "transmission" to "transmission fluid"
      iv. Scott made a motion to approve the non-public minutes as amended for the Selectboard meeting on September 1, 2026. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
      v. Scott made a motion to approve the public minutes for the Selectboard meeting on September 10, 2026. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
7. New Business
   a. Pest Control at Municipal Building
      i. The Police Department was changing the cabin and air filters in the cruisers last week and discovered mouse nests in 3 of the 5 cruisers.

ii. Ken called a pest company and they took a look at the building. They proposed an initial service costing $526 and then monthly service for $158 per month. They recommended this because they found signs of rat and ant infestations. Ken felt this was too expensive.
iii. Ken spoke with Road Agent John O'Connor. Highway puts out traps in their bays and John thought they could try putting them in the PD bays too to start.
iv. There have been ant issues in the past, but the staff haven't noticed a problem with them recently. No staff have reported sightings or evidence of rats at the Municipal Building. Just some at the Transfer Station.
v. Randi asked why the cruisers are in the PD bays instead of out and about and being taken home by officers. Ken explained there is currently one spare cruiser because the take-home cruiser benefit can only be utilized if the officer lives within 30 miles of the town.
vi. The Selectboard agreed to try the trapping option first instead of signing on with the pest control company.

b. Canterbury Shaker Village Parking
i. See HDC minutes 9/16/26, Other Business, for previous discussion.
ii. Calvin explained that at the last HDC meeting, they discussed how the Beehouse reopening celebration at the Shaker Village was unexpectedly well attended and it resulted in a lot of people parking in the road. The HDC thought it might be a good idea for the Town to gently remind CSV to prevent that at their next event.
iii. Kevin explained that this is the biggest event CSV has hosted in years. There is event overflow parking, but that field is currently fenced off for Brookford Farm's cows. Next year they may want to reopen that area.
iv. Ken noted that he spoke with David Katz today and he reported that they had almost 900 people at the Beehouse reopening event.
v. Back in the day, they used to have thousands of people for harvest weekend. If they continue to grow their event attendance, they may want to/need to have police start attending again.
vi. The Selectboard agreed to send a gently-worded letter to CSV.

c. HB 1118 re RSA 41:9
i. Kal explained that Town Clerk-Tax Collector Sam Papps attended a training last week and found out that HB 1118 gives us the option to increase the amount of money the office can collect before the Treasurer must bring it to the bank from $1,500 to $3,500.
ii. The advantages of increasing this amount includes fewer trips to the bank, which would save on mileage and the Treasurer's time.
iii. A risk of increasing the amount, is that it would result in more cash in the safe at the office. The Selectboard decided that between the safe, the alarm system, and the cameras at the Sam Lake House, the increased risk wasn't too great.
iv. Beth brought up that the procedure for cash and payroll checks document should have an additional step added about filing the deposit slips after the money has been brought to the bank.
v. The Selectboard agreed to raise the maximum amount of money to $3,500 and add the additional step to the procedure.

8. Old Business
a. 418 Shaker Road Zoning Violation
i. See Selectboard minutes 9/1/26 section 5. for previous discussion.
ii. Ken spoke with the owners and they explained how the property is currently being used. Ken spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Joel French, and from what was described, they are still in violation of the zoning ordinance because they have too many ADUs.

iii. Joel asked for direction from the Selectboard on how to proceed. He could issue a letter telling the property owners to cease and desist.
iv. Beth asked if the ADUs were occupied and if a cease and desist would result in the tenants being evicted. The answer was yes. Only 1 ADU is allowed, so all but one would need to be evicted for the property to come back into compliance.
v. The Selectboard decided to think more about the issue before making a decision.

b. Municipal Building Roof
   i. See Selectboard minutes 9/1/26 section 4.a. for previous discussion.
   ii. Ken got a quote from Premier Roofing of $11K for just replacing the boots and adding snow diverters. As opposed to the previous quote of $33K for that plus replacing the screws.
   iii. Ken checked with another company but hasn't gotten a response yet.
   iv. The Selectboard agreed to try to get two more companies to respond before making a decision.
c. Fire Chief Contract
   i. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 6 for previous discussion.
   ii. Fire Chief Michael Gamache's contract has been updated to continue for another 2 years with no other changes.
   iii. The Selectboard signed the contract.
d. Library HVAC Update
   i. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 7 for previous discussion.
   ii. Ken and Scott attended the HDC meeting last Wednesday regarding this project and the hearing was continued to 9/23.
   iii. The HDC asked about moving the unit for the children's room from the west wall to the northern wall. Ken contacted ReVision and they said they could do that move for no extra cost from them. However, because there is a gutter downspout, they would have to cut it off and someone else would need to divert it a different way.
   iv. Ken just got the response this afternoon, so he hasn't had a chance to talk to Rachel yet.
   v. Beth said that she talked to the Garden Committee and they are worried about what this would mean for the pollinator garden on the north wall. Scott will relay that to the HDC at the continued hearing this Wednesday.
   vi. The revised contract with ReVision is for $75,718.55 (including the Historical Society room and an additional electric panel). $20K will come from the Building Maintenance CRF, $15K from the Library, and $2,475 from New Hampshire Saves. The balance of $38,243.55 will be paid with on-bill financing, which will result in a monthly payment of $318.69 for 10 years.
   vii. ReVision provided an estimate of an additional 18 kWh per year increase in usage to power this system. Ken will figure out how that, the on-bill financing, and the reduced need for propane should be budgeted for in 2027.
e. Sherwood Forest Snow Removal
   i. See Selectboard minutes 9/10/26 section 3.c. for previous discussion.
   ii. Ken and John worked on estimating the cost of snow removal in Sherwood Forest. Ken estimated $12K, but John disagreed and felt $24K was more accurate.
   iii. John's estimate was based on going out roughly 64 times last winter and spending about $8K on sand. He felt the Town shouldn't be plowing private property.
   iv. Randi Johnson asked John why he is against plowing this property now, but has been doing it without complaint since he started with the Town in 2004. She referenced the discussion about this topic that happened at the 2010 Town Meeting. She felt the Selectboard was being disingenuous in pretending the legality of plowing private roads is new information.

v. Beth clarified that the Selectboard is not pretending the information is brand new. She is new to the Selectboard and so when she attended the NHMA Class VI Roads Webinar, she learned this information for the first time. It was discussed by the current Selectboard, and they voted to deal with the issue instead of "kicking the can".
vi. The Selectboard voted to discontinue plowing of these roads at the 9/1/26 meeting (see section 7 of the minutes).
vii. Randi asked why the Selectboard was comparing the SFSA roads to Wyven Road. Both are private, but SFSA roads serve a significantly larger number of people. She was upset that the Selectboard was considering charging SFSA $12K to plow after doing it for 55 years.
viii. Scott explained it is not legal for the Town to plow private roads. Both winter roads and emergency lanes have been explored and neither appear to be a valid option for this situation.
ix. Randi requested that the NHMA Class VI Roads Webinar be posted on the Town's website. The Selectboard agreed to do so.

f. Cell Tower at Municipal Building
   i. See Land Use Boards meeting minutes 9/15/26 for previous discussion.
   ii. Ken showed the Selectboard a map showing what a 2 mile radius around the Municipal Complex looks like so they could visualize what area this new tower might cover. The map also has other towers in the area marked, but no coverage circles since we don't know how far those towers reach.
   iii. Beth and Calvin both felt that Vertex needed to provide more complete information about what this tower could do and what other towers would be needed to get complete coverage throughout the town.
   iv. Calvin was reluctant to go through this without having a plan for total coverage. Beth and Scott thought this tower was a good starting place.
   v. At the Land Use Boards meeting Kevin brought up a resident who has expertise in this field who wanted to suggest an alternative method of improving coverage. Kevin will connect Scott and the resident.
   vi. Calvin suggested seeing if Vertex could limit the tower to 3G/4G. 5G is popular because of increased desire for data (i.e. accessing the internet for things like maps and streaming), but 3G/4G would get us basic cell phone coverage. Excluding 5G could prevent the problem where cell service degrades because the 5G bandwidth gets completely used up by data.
   vii. Ken will bring these questions to Vertex.

g. Tricentennial Badge Presentation
   i. See Selectboard minutes 7/20/26 section 6.a. for previous discussion.
   ii. Ken has the shadow boxes ready. One to be presented to Peter Crautman, the student who designed the badges.
   iii. The Selectboard decided to contact CES Principal Erin Chubb to see if they could do the presentation during the weekly Friday assembly with the Selectboard, the Police Chief, and the Tricentennial Co-Chairs.

9. Selectboard Representative Reports
   a. Tricentennial Committee - Scott
      i. Most of the major updates (potential building and 2027 schedule) were covered earlier in the meeting. Work continues on the film.
      ii. They are aware of the deadlines for warrant articles, so any potential budgets should be coming in soon.
   b. Conservation Commission - Beth

i. The CCC contact NHU Extension for advice on managing the bittersweet in Hildreth Field. About a dozen experts attended. There is no clear or simple solution, but they are working on making a plan that keeps the weed at bay without breaking the bank.
ii. The CCC is working on potential conservation of several hundred-acre parcels.
iii. They have done a due diligence walk on a parcel being donated to the Town on Misery Road. There were some wetland issues, but it has high conservation value.
iv. They will be doing another due diligence walk for a different potential land donation of a property on Flagg Road.
v. The CCC has finished working with CNHRPC on updating the natural resource maps.
vi. The CCC is looking into ways to help both the municipality and residents deal with invasives.
vii. They met with the Concord CC at their last meeting about joint concerns.

c. Community Power Committee - Beth
i. CCPC is still looking for more members and they would like to get a 3rd person to be a representative to CPCNH.
ii. CCPC and the Energy Committee discussed combining and both groups decided to remain separate entities.
iii. CCPC will be contacting 603 Solar Customers to see if anyone needs help selling RECs.
iv. CPCNH has a new management team. They are looking good financially and Edgar Rivera is now on their auditing committee.
v. CPCNH has expressed possible interest in mini-nuclear projects. This is under discussion at a bigger level. CCPC is not in favor.
vi. They will be hosting a "Bring Your Own Bill" event at the Farmers Market this week.

d. Energy Committee - Beth
i. The EC will be hosting a roundtable on energy saving tips on 10/8 and another on Battery Storage in November.
ii. They are working on getting more information about an energy audit for the Municipal Building from Resilient Building Group. Ken clarified that he actually already has a proposal from them and it is in the 2027 budgeting documents.
iii. The EC would like to create a subcommittee for municipal solar.
iv. Beth McGuinn will attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss solar-friendly zoning.
v. They have gotten more information about C-PACER. There is no urgency, but they are saying it is an easy lift. They want to get some more info from Clean Energy NH and then will come back to the Selectboard with a proposal.

e. Recreation Committee - Calvin
i. Soccer is underway. Attendance is the highest it has been in years. On just one team there are 38 students.
ii. Halloween is scheduled on the actual holiday (October 31st) since it is a Saturday this year.
iii. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Saturday November 28th.

f. Agricultural Committee - Calvin
i. They met last week and are looking to update their bylaws, mission, and website page. They will vote on potential changes in their October meeting.
ii. Daimon Meeh brought info about the NH Food Alliance strategic plan. They think this could be good information to bring to the PB since 60% of the town is zoned Agricultural/Conservation.

g. Planning Board - Calvin
i. The PB began a subdivision hearing for the Akerstroms. It was continued to 9/22.

   ii. Calvin brought up the Class VI road maintenance issues with the PB. They felt it was the Selectboard's responsibility to make a starting point since historically they have been the ones to approve road waivers and road maintenance agreements.
   iii. Kal will write up a draft using the existing waivers and agreements for the Selectboard to review at their 10/5 meeting.
   iv. The draft of the Cluster Subdivision Ordinance should be ready for the PB to review at their meeting tomorrow night.
   v. Calvin will have to leave the School Board meeting tomorrow night a little early so he can make it to the Planning Board.
   vi. Turns out the Belmont Selectboard will not be attending as planned.

10. Executive Session
    a. Scott made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to enter into Non-Public session as per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss a personnel matter. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
    b. Scott made a motion at 8:18 p.m. to exit the Non-Public session. Calvin seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
    c. Scott made a motion to seal the minutes. Calvin seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
11. Adjournment
    a. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Next Meeting: 2026 October 5, 5:00 p.m. at the Meeting House

Minutes submitted by Kal McKay, Administrative Assistant