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SAVOY SELECT BOARD MEETING
SAVOY TOWN HALL
May 13, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present: Justin Kaczowski, Marie Saucier. Absent: Brenda Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Justin Kaczowski; seconded by Marie Saucier.

A motion to accept and sign the meeting minutes from April 28, 2026, was made by Marie Saucier; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; Unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0.

A motion to accept and sign the Public Hearing Pole Petition meeting minutes from April 28, 2026 was made by Marie Saucier; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; Unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0

A motion to accept and sign the amendment to the April 14, 2026 Select Board meeting minutes was made by Marie Saucier; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; Unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deerfield Wild & Scenic: Melissa Vanek, Representative-Letter of Support

- A revised letter of support was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.
  - Marie Saucier made a motion to sign the letter of support for the Deerfield River Watershed Association; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0

Review Financial Reserve Policy

- The Select Board reviewed the Financial Reserve Policy
  - Marie Saucier made a motion to sign the Financial Reserve Policy; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0

Review FY27 Budget

- The Finance Committee increased the proposed FY27 Highway Department budget by $2,000.
- The Select Board reviewed the FY27 budget sent by the Finance Committee with no edits.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Clerk: Sign Election Warrants

- Marie Saucier made a motion to sign the election warrants; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0

Highway Department: Jon Choquette

- A used 2015 vehicle was purchased for $16,500
- Upper Loop Road was patched with blacktop
- Highway Superintendent asked for permission to throw away collected roadside trash at the Transfer Station instead of putting it in the dumpster at the garage.
    - ➢ Marie Saucier made a motion to allow Highway to throw bagged roadside litter away at the Transfer Station; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0
- Camera use in high abuse areas may have to be installed to help alleviate littering in certain areas of town.
- Marie Saucier notified Highway that the Chapel Road culvert project contractors will need a 60' crane on site; the contractor will contact Eversource so powerlines can be moved as needed during transport to the site.
- The Select Board gave a reminder that any training or certifications completed by the Highway Department personnel should be forwarded to the Select Board Administrative Assistant to submit to MIIA Insurance for credit.
- The school has contacted Jon to see if the highway department can take over mowing the school grounds; it is unclear if man hours should come out of highway budget or if the school should pay the Town.
    - ➢ The Select Board instructed Jon to inquire with the town Accountant for clarification.

BUSINESS TOPICS:

- At 6:39pm Marie Saucier motioned to recess the Select Board meeting for the Special Town Meeting; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0
- At 7:14pm Justin Kaczowski motioned to reconvene the Select Board meeting; seconded by Marie Saucier; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review

- Marie Saucier made a motion to send the warrant to the Town Attorney; seconded by Justin Kaczowski; unanimous. Vote: 2-0-0.
    - ➢ Marie will email the warrant and all supplemental information to the Town Attorney for review.

Select Board Items:

- Despite the affirmative vote at the Special Town Meeting held earlier the Select Board has determined not to proceed with the Temporary Eminent Domain filing with the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds for property on Chapel Road for the Chapel Road Culvert project. After the Special Town Meeting Warrant was posted the property owner returned the signed Temporary Right of Entry Easement and waived monetary compensation thus negating the need for action at this time.
    - ➢ If needed the Town has 120 days to file the Temporary Eminent Domain filing with the Registry of Deeds per Town Attorney.

Correspondence:

- The Select Board read the letter of resignation from Susan Bresett, School Committee. They noted that there is only one remaining member on the committee, two open slots are on the election warrant however no one had taken out or returned nomination papers. The Select Board will address the issue if needed after the upcoming elections are over pending any write in campaigns.
- The Select Board reviewed an update from MIIA Unemployment regarding FY27 rates, we are still waiting for the FY27 renewal plan.

Adjourn Meeting: Justin Kaczowski motioned to adjourn the meeting; Marie Saucier seconded; unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

APPROVAL DATE: 5/26/26

Justin Kaczowski, Chair

Marie Saucier

Brenda Smith

Submitted by: Colleen Gibeau, Select Board Administrative Assistant