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Select Board: Harry Seidel, Chairman
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Select Board Public Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025 5:00 PM

Lower Meeting Room Warner Town Hall 5 E Main St

I. Open the Public Meeting, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Seidel called the public Select Board meeting to order at 5:16 PM. He thanked the public for their patience while technical difficulties were resolved.

Select Board Present: Harry Seidel, Alfred Hanson, Mike Smith and Kathy Frenette

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members of the Public: James Gaffney, Pier D'Aprile, John Leavitt, Martha Mical, Faith Minton, David Carle, Sarah McNeil and Rebecca Courser.

II. Public Comment

James Gaffney distributed copies of a complaint he had previously filed to the Select Board. He explained that the Select Board has refused to discuss his written complaint. He stated that his complaint addresses how a Select Board member has abused his power. James Gaffney stated that this goes on and on and he described previous instances where he believes Harry Seidel has abused his position. He called on Harry Seidel to resign immediately.

Faith Minton spoke about an incident that occurred on January 9, 2025, when she received a phone call from Mike Smith who yelled at her and said he was going to have her and others arrested for holding a meeting on December 23, 2024. Mike Smith interjected, insisting that the Chair immediately stop this discussion. He stated that there is no public record of what Faith Minton was describing, and it is hearsay. He stated that if the Chair does not stop the discussion he will walk out of the meeting.

John Leavitt asked the Select Board to confirm or deny that the auditors have quit due to the lack of cooperation from the Finance Director. He spoke about the discrepancies in the purchasing journal.

Rebecca Courser stated that the residents of Warner are concerned about what is going on at Town Hall. She spoke about the importance of conducting the business of the town in a civilized manner.

Sarah McNeil asked when the recent action taken against Alfred Hanson would be resolved. Alfred Hanson stated that the Select Board needs to address that. Mike Smith stated that the Select Board should move to non-public. Alfred Hanson explained that he would like to discuss it in public.

Alfred Hanson stated that the matter was investigated by the Sherriff's Office. He stated that he received a call earlier today advising him that the charges have been dismissed.

Kathy Frenette stated that she was appalled after receiving a call earlier today informing her that the charges were dismissed. A female in the audience interrupted saying the matter has been decided. Kathy Frenette stated that her side is not being heard. Another female in the audience stated that Kathy Frenette should be allowed to speak. Alfred Hanson spoke about the importance of listening to each other and working together. Martha Mical urged the Select Board to move to the next item on the agenda.

Pier D'Aprile explained that the Town Administrator is being allowed to be heard, and he encouraged the Select Board to address the reason why the Town Administrator felt the cameras were necessary. He encouraged the Select Board to address the rumors, and he believes that would alleviate some of the contention.

James Gaffney stressed that Harry Seidel must abide by the law.

III. Select Board Business:

a. Annual Audit

Harry Seidel explained that the auditing firm Plodzick & Sanderson has decided that Warner is not a good fit for them. He stated that the Select Board needs to discuss how to move forward.

Mike Smith said there is a motion on the floor to go into non-public. Alfred Hanson seconded the motion. Harry Seidel asked for the purpose of the non-public. Mike Smith stated the purpose for the non-public meeting is pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *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.* **HANSON YES SMITH YES SEIDEL YES**

Martha Mical asked if the public worksession would resume after the non-public meeting. Harry Seidel confirmed the public worksession would resume.

At 5:38 PM the Select Board entered non-public session.

From this point no further video available for transcription.

b. Building Permits

c. Solar Permits

d. Diamond Lane

e. Town Hall, Community Center Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

IV. Public Comment

V. Select Board Other Business

VI. Non-Public Session (If needed, RSA 91-A:3 II (a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m))

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at ___ PM.

Beginning of the minutes respectfully submitted on 7/16/25 by Tracy Doherty
Edited by Darcie Buskey, Assistant Clerk