STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES September 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. Jay Croteau, Steve Goldsmith, and Ron Profaizer were present.

Tim Peloquin and Caroll Lothrop attended to draw attention to and explain HB 1300, which will be on the ballot this November. They explained that, if passed, it would negatively impact towns like Surry, whose entire cost is in the tuition rate the town pays, rather than controllable expenses like administrative, teacher, or facility expenses. Caroll suggested that a successful public communication effort would help residents understand the measure before they vote.

Bruce Smith reported that the town's MS-1 has been completed and accepted by the state.

Josh Brooks, Fire Chief, along with other members of the Surry Fire Department, informed the Select Board that they were awarded $32,000 from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for a gear washing and drying system. The town's required match is 5%, or approximately $1,600. The Select Board advised that accepting the grant will require a Public Meeting (RSA 31:95-b) because the funds exceed the $10,000 threshold for unanticipated review. Because of grant deadlines, that meeting must occur within the next 3 weeks.

The Fire Chief and the Select Board discussed repurposing the Fire Station alarm for a Town Alert system. Communication and education would be required, but the decision was to continue to explore.

Dillion Simmpkins followed up on the status of the nuisance complaint he registered. He returned a completed Neighborhood Conditions Interview Form and informed the Board that he had contacted the Humane Society. The Select Board advised that it would review the form from a zoning and ordinance perspective and, if warranted, expand the interview process to gather additional information.

Jay Croteau made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 9/21. Steve Goldsmith seconded. All in favor.

The Board reviewed and approved the manifest.

The Board reviewed and approved payroll.

Jay Croteau will be completing the Annual OPD Land Use Regulation Survey – Due 10/30/2026

Jason Contrady is on track to complete the Emergency Management Quarterly HMGP progress report due by 10/15

Jay Croteau submitted one unclaimed property for the town. The state sent back a required form that must be completed and mailed back.

Ron Profaizer has a meeting scheduled with Asplundh to discuss information/quotes for addressing dangerous dead trees and branches in the town's right-of-way along the town roads.

Select Board signed building permits for B. Dekle, P. Woodman, and T Carsten

Jay Croteau made a motion to accept Anive Holmes quote for installing the lattice under the Town Hall's porch. Steve Goldsmith seconded. All in favor.

As a cost-saving measure, Steve Goldsmith will pick up the required materials outlined in the quote and level out the ground where the lattice will be installed with his tractor.

A corrected Intent to Excavate was received by the state for Zane White.

After reviewing a response from the Town Attorney regarding the correct procedural handling of building zoning non-compliance, a letter was drafted, reviewed, and emailed to Sarah Cushing regarding an oversized ADU.

Caroll Lothrop highlighted her concerns; she had emailed the Select Board about a camper parked very close to a protected brook on Merriam Road and the potential for gray water runoff.

The town received required documentation from the NHDES regarding the new owners of Surry Mountain Campground.

The Board discussed Roger and Nancy Wilber's email regarding their complaint about the dust that impacted their property during the paving of Old Walpole. Once alerted to the problem, immediate action was taken to mitigate it, and a response to the complaint was emailed. Jay Croteau was going to take one final look at all the correspondence to determine if any further communication or action was necessary.

The Board set Thursday 10/8/26 at 1:15 for the video onboarding meeting for the Buddy Punch software system and Tuesday 10/13/26 at 6:00 pm for the implementation meeting.

Jay Croteau was going to call K. Haskell back regarding his email about a popped tire on 12A to inform him that he will need to call the state DOT regarding the problem.

S. Martel from Avitar requested an updated list of the interior inspections that need to be done. The current list will need to be reviewed to determine if any changes are needed.

Steve Goldsmith was going to call the NH DOT to report the damaged guardrail on 12/A.

Jay Croteau announced that Jill Lane has resigned as the Select Board's Administrative Assistant. Immediate steps will be taken to replace this critical position.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Submitted R. Profaizer