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**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

**83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Selectmen present:** Colin Moll, Klaire Bielonko, Kathy Dunai, Pete Hill and Kathleen Harrington

**Also in attendance:** Amanda Moore – Finance Director (Via Zoom) and Kevin Goff – Chairman, Permanent Building Commission

First Selectman Moll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment**

None.

**Discussion and approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to appoint Aysha Moore-Manwaring as a full member of the Historic District Commission to fill the remainder of Doug Mayne's term through August 31, 2028**

Selectman Hill MOTIONED to appoint Aysha Moore-Manwaring as a full member of the Historic District Commission to fill the remainder of Doug Mayne's term through August 31, 2028. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to appoint William Howell as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission to fill the remainder of Klaire Bielonko's term through April 30, 2028**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to appoint William Howell as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission to fill the remainder of Klaire Bielonko's term through April 30, 2028. Vote: 4 in favor (Moll, Hill, Dunai and Harrington) and 1 abstain (Bielonko). Motion passed.

**Updates from the Permanent Building Commission**

Kevin Goff, Chairman of the Permanent Building Commission provided a detailed status report on several town projects, starting with the Middle School, where renovation and site options are currently

being narrowed down while imminent environmental testing is planned for a potential new building location.

For the firehouse project, Mr. Goff highlighted that direct communication with active firefighters and volunteers has provided invaluable input, revealing that their actual needs are more reasonable and acceptable than the information previously funneled through the prior chief.

At the High School, ten more air conditioning units are scheduled for installation between June 15th and August 15th, and the board is considering a comprehensive commissioning review to verify that the equipment is installed and balanced properly.

The high school's sloped roof and solar projects are currently awaiting state approval following a change in regulations that required the projects to be separated into two distinct resolutions.

Discussion also covered the Spaulding School bathroom renovations, where First Selectman Moll expressed surprise at a \$100,000 fee for architectural designs, and the Bridge Park Bridge, which is undergoing engineering to certify it for light vehicular traffic

**Discussion and approval to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of lease purchase to acquire street sweeper**

The board reviewed and discussed a resolution authorizing a lease-purchase agreement with TD Bank to support the acquisition of the street sweeper. First Selectman Moll noted that this financing approach is familiar to the Town, having successfully utilized a similar lease-purchase arrangement with TD Bank for another vehicle within the past one to two years. He further explained that adoption of the resolution is a required step by TD Bank in order to proceed with the purchase.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of lease purchase to acquire street sweeper as presented. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to adopt a resolution designating the closeout of bond projects Remington Street Bridge Replacement and Streetlights, and reducing the authorized and unissued amounts for such projects**

The Board of Selectmen considered the closeout of bond-funded projects for the Remington Street bridge replacement and town streetlights in order to formally finalize completed work and reconcile project financing. The action followed a memorandum from the Finance Director outlining the proper process for releasing unused bond funds after project completion.

Selectman Dunai MOTIONED to adopt the resolution designating the closeout of bond projects Remington Street Bridge Replacement and Streetlights, and reducing the authorized and unissued amounts for such projects as presented. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and review of Fire Marshal policy for Fee-based Plan Review and Testing**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to table the agenda item until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None

**Selectman Updates**

Trees for Suffield Event

A Liberty Tree planting will be taking place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026 along the south side of the Kent Memorial Library building to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's birthday.

Sustainable Suffield Event

Sustainable Suffield will be holding their annual Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – Budget

A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held next Wednesday, April 22, 2026 in the Suffield Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Selectman Dunai MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary