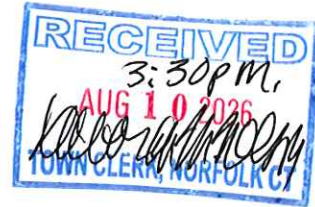


Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
4:30 PM Town Hall



Present: Henry Tirrell, Leo Colwell, Sandy Evans, Barbara Gomez, Avice Meehan, Paul Padua, Matt Ludwig, Steve Hutchins, Brian Hutchins and Barry Roseman

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Comments: None

MOTION H. Tirrell to add the following items to the agenda:

- Fire House discussion
- Letter of Support for the State Historic Preservation Grant for the Congregational Church
- Resolution for the Rails to Trails Grant
- Appointment to the Aquarion Water Authority Board

Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Fire House Discussion

Barry Roseman opened the discussion regarding adding the 3-bay garage, at a cost of \$350,000, back into the new fire house project which may require holding a Town Meeting. Matt Ludwig explained that although the new fire house looks big from the outside the size of the bay areas are all calculated to the size of the fire trucks. There is a lot of ancillary equipment in addition to the emergency management trailer, the ATV trailer and the sign trailer that all need a place to be housed. Brian Hutchins added that the hazmat equipment also needs to be stored. There is nowhere to put these items without cluttering and impeding fire apparatus and walk areas. The outside elements also degrade the equipment. Barry explained that the original fire house bids came in at 25% over expected costs causing design elements and the 3-bay garage to be removed. Barry reviewed the finances and bonding and noted that private donations totaled 3.4 million dollars. We are currently on track to hit the 10.3 million dollar number or 10.6 to include the 3-bay garage. Barry also stated that they will be starting another fundraising campaign. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a town meeting.

MOTION S. Evans to hold a Special Town Meeting for approval to add the 3-bay garage.

Second L. Colwell. Carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for the State Historic Preservation Grant for the Congregational Church

- The Church of Christ Congregational is applying for a State historic fund grant for the stained glass restoration project.

MOTION L. Colwell for the Board of Selectmen to provide a letter of support for the project.

Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Resolution for the Rails to Trails Grant

- H. Tirrell presented a resolution supporting the Rails to Trails \$399,000 grant request. The State of CT DEEP is requesting this documentation.

MOTION L. Colwell to approve the resolution. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Aquarion Water Authority Board

MOTION H. Tirrell to appoint Matthew Klimkosky to the Aquarion Water Authority Board. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: July 1, 2026 and July 13, 2026

There are two corrections to the July 1, 2026 minutes under the *Selectman's Report*.

B. Gomez noted that The Norfolk Library and The Hub will not be purchasing the swing set to be placed near the train. The swing set will be financed by the Norfolk Children's Foundation, the Hartley Corporation and Christina Vanderlip.

H. Tirrell noted that the delay of the Mountain Road Bridge was caused by the brackets for the water main.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the 7/1/26 minutes as amended and the 7/13/26 minutes. Second L. Colwell. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

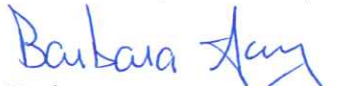
- Mountain Road Bridge – Waiting for the engineer to review the brackets prior to the brackets being galvanized by the manufacturer. The project could stretch into October.
- Mountain Road Bridge (between Westside Road & Golf Drive) – Waiting for a report from Cardinal Engineering before we can start. H. Tirrell applied for an Eastern Brook Trout Joint Ventures Grant to assist with engineering costs. Project must be approved by the State of CT DEEP Fisheries.
- South Norfolk Bridges (Old Goshen Road & Smith Road) – We will be going out to bid in the Fall. The bridges will be combined in one bid so hopefully we can get one contractor to replace both bridges. The Old Goshen Road bridge needs to be completed before work on the Smith Road bridge can begin. Both will be fully reimbursed through Federal and State programs but as with the other bridges, the town fronts the money and then gets reimbursed. Each bridge is approximately \$4,000,000. The plan now is for construction to begin on Old Goshen Road bridge on 4/1/27 and Smith Road bridge 4/1/28.
- Wall Project – Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.
- Woodcreek (across from Haystack) has been backed up. The State of CT DEEP sent divers to unclog which seems to have worked.
- H. Tirrell has marked the tree in front of the Post Office to be cut down. Questions can be directed to the tree warden, Matt Klimkosky. The tree is being removed to make room for the new sidewalks.

Selectman's Report

- S. Evans mentioned the hydrangea tree on the corner of Emerson & Maple (private property) is blocking the line of site.
- Botelle School slide has been repaired and will be open tomorrow.
- L. Colwell reported that on Winchester Road, just before Parker Hill Road, the swamp on the right has been flooding the road.
- Laurel Way Ext. – Public Works is getting ready to work on the road. Residents have been notified.
- Sidewalks by the Post Office will be replaced the third week of August.
- Sidewalks from Maple Avenue up Route 44 – we will be coordinating repair with the State of CT.
- Sidewalks near the "Frog" condominiums need approval from the State if we wish to repair or replace.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Second L. Colwell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Gomez, Secretary