

TOWN OF GUILDHALL
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:04 pm

2. Introductions
 Gary Brown (GB), Chair; John Orlowski (JO), Vice-Chair; Jason Sterling (JS), Clerk; George Blakeslee (ge), Town Clerk/Treasurer

 Brad McVetty, road contractor; Rich Schiller, Cemetery Commissioner, NEK Broadband Rep

3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting, December 16, 2025 M, S, A

4. Citizens' Concerns
 - a. Kathy Shannon – hauling Groveton fire debris to Shannon's North Rd property
 Gary will contact the State to find out about this activity

5. Announcements
 - a. Essex Co. Annual Meeting– Courthouse, January 30, 2026 @ 9 AM
 - b. Board/Commission/Officer Annual Reports due by January 21, 2026
 - c. Nominating Consent Forms for Town Election due January 26, 2026

6. Reports from Boards, Officers, Committees:
 - a. Treasurer's Report M pending audit, S A
 - i. Revenue\$ 19,967 vs. Expense \$ 31,087 (Jan 1 – Jan 22)
 - ii. WGSB/CDARS Balance \$ 265,258 (Jan 22)
 - iii. Budget vs. Actual – see comparative budget under New Business

 - b. Delinquent Tax Collector
 - i. See handout for details

DWT	P \$ 843	I \$ 96	F \$ 545	T \$ 1,483
DTC	P \$ 33,068	I \$ 2,121	P \$ 2,190	T \$ 31,597
TOTAL 2024:	\$ 4,815	\$ 967	\$ 385	\$ 6,166
TOTAL 2025:	\$ 28,253	\$ 1,154	\$ 2,190	\$ 31,597
 - ii. Tax Sale – Hodgdon/Branche – update Delinquent Tax Collector has consulted town lawyer

- c. Road Commissioner's Report
 - i. Grant Better Roads FY26 \$20k Fellows Rd – complete by Sep 30, 2026
 - ii. Grant in Aid FY26 \$10.5k – Hydrologically Connected by Sep 30, 2026 (pre)
 - iii. Grant Better Roads FY27 \$20k – submitted
 - iv. Certificate of Highway Mileage – signed
 - v. Update on Road Condition/Work – roads pretty good with the frozen conditions, Brad has new truck,
 - a. Listers' Report
 - i. Finalized 2025 Grand List - \$ 485,471.00
 - ii. 2025 Equalization Report – CLA 94.76 % ; COD 13.81 % ; in acceptable limit
 - iii. 2025 State Adjustment to our Homestead Education Tax 134.74%
 - d. Zoning Admin's Report
 - i. No permits this month
 - ii. Hodgdon-Branche matter – E-Court case continued
7. Old Business:
- a. MERP – 2/3 to ¾ complete
 - b. NEK Broadband update – testing at OLT, service is nearly ready, GB will contact their contractor about the damage to our electrical box at the Salt Shed
 - 2. LHMP – at VT FEMA for review
8. New Business:
- a. Sheriff's 2025 Report – in hand outs
 - b. CAI Tax Map contract - signed
 - c. Review and Approve 2026 Proposed Municipal Budget
'Motion to approve a Municipal Budget for 2026 of \$ 377,276.00 ' M, S, A
 - d. 2026 Town Meeting Warning – approve M, S, A
'Motion to approve the 2026 Town Meeting Warning as printed'
 - e. 2026 Town Officer Election Warning – informational
9. Other none
10. Executive Session (if needed) none
11. Signing of Orders
12. Adjournment 7:13 pm