

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
- ❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from January 20, 2026 were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Building Notification: Either Map 406 Lot 21
 - Building Notification: Jensen Map 409 Lot 36
- ❖ **Appointment**
 - Dennis Fitton, Newfound Area School Board – Alexandria representative
 - Mr. Fitton provided an update from the school district's deliberative session held on January 31, 2026. He mentioned that he felt that turnout was okay and that people in attendance brought up good points. Mr. Fitton encouraged people to visit the school district's website for information on the upcoming voting.
 - Deb Glidden asked which project he felt was more urgent the solar, boiler or LED; Mr. Fitton said that he felt the boiler project was the most urgent.
 - Mr. Tuthill asked about the warrant articles pertaining to open enrollment. Mr. Fitton explained that the warrant article would allow for 100 students from outside the school district to attend Newfound and that 0% of the resident student population would be able to enroll outside of Newfound. There were concerns expressed regarding pending legislation that may require Towns to allow students to attend other districts.
 - There was discussion regarding cuts that were made to stay under the 2% tax cap, including athletics, co-curriculars, field trips, and teacher and staff positions. There was a amendment to the warrant article at deliberative session that added funds back into the proposed operating budget to cover the items cut. Mr. Grant asked if students did fund raising for sports; it was stated that the students do fundraising for sports.
 - Mr. Piehler asked if teachers get paid for additional work not pertaining to their teaching subject that they perform during their normal work hours; Mr. Fitton said he was would need to research the answer.
 - Mr. Tuthill asked if there had been any discussion on Hill joining the school district; Mr. Fitton said he wasn't aware of any discussions but can bring it up to the school board.
 - Mr. Piehler expressed concerns with putting solar panels on flat roofs that are hard to maintain and concerns about maintenance if there are proposed cuts to custodial staff and facilities maintenance. It was explained that the roof was replaced 8 years ago and has a 30-year life, the solar panels have a 20-year life, and the roof maintenance, including snow removal, is required with or without the solar panels.
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Reminder: First Session of Town Meeting (Deliberative Session) is being held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 10:00 at the Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road. Copies of warrant and budgets are available on the town website and in the municipal building.
- ❖ **Public Input**
 - Deb Glidden asked if the town hall rental fee could be waived for people that volunteer for the town; the Select Board agreed the town hall rental fee could be waived for those people that do volunteer work for the town.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Fred Osborne, Richard Nialetz, Deb Glidden, Paul Sirard, Dennis Fitton, Ken Hall, Brian Lewis, Jim Grant