Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
March 6, 2026
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: T. Gelston; T. Sevigny Absent E. Dill
Also Present: D. Southworth; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Gelston called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Bid Waiver – Police Interceptor Ford F-150: Mr. Gelston called the Board's attention to a memo in their meeting packets from Officer David Southworth, requesting the board waive the bid process for the 2026 Ford F-150 Police Interceptor. He noted that McGovern MHQ holds the state bid for the Explorers and stated that they had one F-150 which would be available in approximately 2 weeks. He later learned that MHQ does not hold the bid contract for the F-150 only for the Explorer. He added that he contacted Gengras Ford who also holds the state bid contract and they stated they had one F-150 available for immediate purchase, however it was blue with chrome accents. Officer Southworth noted that he felt this vehicle would contrast the current and upcoming fleet they currently had.

   He added that due to the shortage of these vehicles and an unknown time as to when they will be built, he felt that the opportunity to purchase the vehicle from MHQ would not be possible in the near future. Ford stated there was a delay in manufacturing these vehicles due to a fire which occurred at one of their main facilities.

   Motion made by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Mr. Gelston, to waive the bid process and follow the recommendation of the Police Department to negotiate with McGovern MHQ and purchase the 2026 Ford F-150 Police Interceptor in the amount not to exceed the quote of $49,443.80. Unanimous aye.

3. Public Comment: There were no public comments raised at the meeting.

4. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. .

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Respectfully submitted,
Todd Gelston, First Selectman