

Town of Norwich
Minutes for Special Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2026

Active Participants at Tracy Hall: Kimo Griggs (SB Chair), Brendan Classon (SB Vice Chair), Matt Swett (SB member), Mary Layton (SB member), Rob Gere (SB member), Brennan Duffy (Town Manager), and Cheryl Lindberg (Treasurer).

Active Participants on Zoom:

Key: *Motions noted in italics.*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griggs at 1:34pm.

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1. Agenda

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Layton moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Chair.

- *Swett 2nd*
- *Vote: Unanimous.*

2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

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There were no public comments.

3. Proposed response(s) to Katucki appeal of the March 16, 2026 email response by TM to Katucki's March 1, 2026 requests for public records under the Public Records Act

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No preliminary public comments were posited.

Layton moved that the Selectboard find that premature public knowledge regarding communications between the Selectboard and the Town Attorneys for the purposes of receiving professional legal services and discussing proposed responses(s) to the Katucki appeal of the March 16, 2026 email response by the Norwich Town Manager to Katucki's March 1, 2026 requests for public records under the Public Records Act would clearly put the Town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing privileged attorney-client communications, and disclosing negotiation strategy to the opposing party, which would make negotiation of any favorable settlement protecting the Town's interests substantially more difficult.

- Swett 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous.

Gere moved to enter executive session for the purposes of receiving confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town in relation to discussing the Katucki appeal of the March 16, 2026 email response by the Norwich Town Manager to Katucki's March 1, 2026 requests for public records under the Public Records Act and invite the Town attorneys into executive session and, after an initial discussion with only the Town attorneys, invite the Town Manager to join the executive session.

- Classon 2nd
- Vote: Classon (Yes); Layton (No); Gere (No); Swett (No); Griggs (Yes) – Did not pass.

Before the vote was cast, Layton stated that she did not see any harm in having the Town Manager be present for the entire session. Whereas Classon mentioned that the structure for the last executive session was extremely productive.

The Town Manager explained how the two sessions differ in detail, with the current session being based on an appeal that was made to the Town Manager, which the Selectboard was then made aware of. Thus, the Town Manager acts as the exclusive decision maker regarding the appeal, allowing also for a collaborative discussion with the Selectboard and Town attorney that might enable an agreed upon direction moving forward.

Griggs then offered further explanation on the proposed motion strategy.

Gere moved to enter executive session for the purposes of receiving confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town in relation to discussing the Katucki appeal of the March 16, 2026 email response by the Norwich Town Manager to Katucki's March 1, 2026 requests for public records under the Public Records Act and invite the Town attorneys and the Town Manager to join the executive session.

- Layton 2nd
- Vote: Classon (No); Layton (Yes); Gere (Yes); Swett (Yes); Griggs (Yes) – Passed.

Time entered: 1:50pm.

Layton moved to enter public session at 2:22pm.

- Gere 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous.

No action was taken in the executive session.

Griggs moved to allow the Town Manager to proceed with the Katucki appeal of March 16, 2026 at their discretion.

- *Gere 2nd*
- *Vote: Unanimous.*

4. Adjournment

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Gere moved to adjourn the meeting.

- *Classon 2nd*
- *Vote: Unanimous.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Minutes taken by Steve Schlauch.