

**Town of Norwich
Minutes for the Special Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday September 9, 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), Cheryl Lindberg (Lister), Pam Smith (Lister), and Judy Pond.

Active Participants on Zoom: Brennan Duffy (Town Manager).

Key: *Motions noted in italics.*
Public comment noted in [blue](#).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griggs at 5:31pm.

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1. Agenda

Timestamp: 00:10:35

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

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

2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Timestamp: 00:11:00

[Judy Pond shared her experience with the Braver Angels workshop in White River Junction pertaining to conflict resolution. The workshop included the Hartford Town Manager and the Selectboard Members. Thus, Judy posited a suggestion for the workshop to be utilized by the Norwich Selectboard.](#)

3. Proposed response to litigation of a tax appeal challenging the BCA's determination of the fair market value of a residential property in Norwich

Timestamp: 00:14:31

Executive Session: 00:18:02

Public Statement: 01:02:43

Swett moved that the Selectboard find that premature public knowledge regarding communications between the Selectboard and Town Attorneys for the purposes of receiving professional legal services and discussing a proposed settlement offer to determine the fair market value of a residential property currently being litigated 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.

- Layton 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

Swett moved to enter executive session for the purposes of receiving confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing legal services to the Town in relation to discussing the settlement offer determining fair market value of a residential property and invite the Town attorney, Town Manager, Listers and chair of the BCA to join the executive session. Time entered: 5:40pm.

- Layton 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

Layton moved to enter public session at 6:25 pm.

- Swett 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

No action was taken in the executive session.

Griggs moved to accept and approve the Flannery settlement proposal as presented to the Selectboard.

- Layton 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

4. Adjournment

Timestamp: 01:03:44

Swett moved to adjourn the meeting.

- Layton 2nd
- Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Minutes taken by Steve Schlauch.

Minutes approved on September 23, 2026

Kimo Griggs, Selectboard Chair