

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts
Minutes of a
Selectboard / Board of Health / Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
September 25, 2026

Present: Will Cosby (on Zoom), Hussain Hamdan, and Robert MacLean – Selectboard
Tinky Weisblat, Gal Friday
and by Zoom Nate Russell from GZA

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Will noted that Andrea Woods had sent a draft contract for the King Corner Culvert Replacement and that it was time to consider submitted bids.

He reminded his fellow board members of a memo sent by GZA. Hussain read from the memo. It stated nine bids had come in ranging from \$1,494,345 to over \$2,285,543. The lowest bid had come from Maverick. It had come in under the project's estimated cost. The second-lowest bid was from Davenport, which had bid \$1,495,619. GZA had noted that bidders had been asked for references and for at least three similar projects in the companies' pasts. GZA noted that Maverick had only one comparable project and therefore did not meet the requirements that had been posted. Davenport, however, appeared to comply with the requirements. GZA recommended awarding the contract to Davenport and also setting a 25 percent contingency for the project. Hussain said that those conclusions seemed reasonable. The others agreed. Will moved to award the contract to Davenport, Bob seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Hussain recognized Will on a contract question. Will explained that Andrea had forwarded a sample contract for Davenport. It was the document put out in the bid invite minus the name of the contractor and the sum to be awarded. Hussain moved to accept the contract edited with the necessary information about contractor and numbers, to be signed by the chair or the board members, Bob seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Hussain asked about the timing for the project. Will said two subcontractors would need to be approved. The design phase would probably take six to eight months. Nate Russell of GZA said that the actual construction would most likely take place in the spring or summer. Will said summer would be ideal as there would be no difficulties rerouting school busses then. Will added that Andrea had drafted a letter to Maverick thanking the company for bidding and explaining why the company had not been awarded the contract. He said he hoped the Selectboard would consider printing it on letterhead and sending it out. Hussain said that that appeared to be within Will's purview as chair.

Will thanked everyone and expressed happiness that the project was ready to move forward.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tinky Weisblat
Gal Friday

Williams Cosby

Hussain Hamdan

Robert MacLean