

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MAY 21, 2026
MEETING MINUTES - Final**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on May 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at the Division of Public Works Administration Building in the Mine Falls Conference Room, 848 West Hollis Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03062.

Chairman James Donchess, Mayor, declared the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and called the roll.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor
Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg
Commissioner, Paul Shea
Commissioner, June Lemen

Members Absent

Commissioner, Manny Espitia

Also Present:

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Alright, well, we have Item 2 to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lemen.

Motion by Commissioner Lemen: To Approve The Agenda As Submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

III. BOARD OF ALDERMEN REFERRAL

A. Resolution R-26-031: Authorizing The City To Enter Into A Successor Concession Agreement With Granite Diamond, LLC.

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

Next, we have a Board of Aldermen referral. Commissioner Gregg.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To Authorize Resolution R-26-031: Authorizing The City To Enter Into A Successor Concession Agreement With Granite Diamond, LLC.

Mayor Donchess

And, I believe that Ms. Fauteux is going to explain the terms of the lease.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Sure. This is a new lease. The Silver Knights, of course, have been with the City now for a long period of time. I think 10 to 15 years. This is a new lease. The first is for 5 years, and there are actually two 5-year extensions, so up to 15 years. The first 5 years, after the first 5 years, the City and the Silver Knights will have the option of whether or not we'd like to move forward and renew it for another 5 years. The cost is the same for the first 5 years, \$1,000.00 per game, and I believe there is a \$100.00 increase for each subsequent 5-year renewal should the City and the Silver Knights decide that they'd like to exercise that. This is only for the operations of baseball. The City still retains the right to be able to host our own events at Holman Stadium. I'd be happy to answer any other questions you might have, but that's it in a nutshell.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions, comments? Commissioner Gregg.

Vice-Chairman, Matthew Gregg, Commissioner

Is there any big difference between any aspect of this contract and the last one that we signed with them?

Ms. Fauteux

No. I think that probably the biggest thing is that we want to make sure that we have the opportunity to, in 5 years, if we decide that we'd like to utilize Holman for something else, we're able to do that. It is at the discretion of both the Silver Knights and the City as to whether we renew after the initial 5 years. The Silver Knights, I think, another thing though that is different is that the Silver Knights do have the ability to terminate the lease after the season ends in any given year.

Commissioner Gregg

So, for any year in the five, they could terminate the contract.

Ms. Fauteux

Correct. I think those are the biggest changes. There may be some insurance changes, but that was through Risk. So, I think that's about, I can't think of anything else that is significant.

Commissioner, June Lemen

May I ask a question?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Commissioner Lemen

For the City's maintenance obligations, Holman is supposed to pick up their own trash and that stuff after the games.

Ms. Fauteux

We pick up the trash.

Commissioner Lemen

We pick up the trash.

Ms. Fauteux

We do.

Commissioner Lemen

So, and we maintain the fields?

Ms. Fauteux

And, we maintain the fields, that's correct.

Commissioner Lemen

Is there anything else that the City does? It's a lot of maintenance.

Ms. Fauteux

No, it certainly is. I'm trying to think what--

Mayor Donchess

--of course, the Silver Knights--

Ms. Fauteux

--the Silver Knights--

Mayor Donchess

--they're not the only ones who use the stadium.

Commissioner Lemen

Right.

Ms. Fauteux

They do pick up, they pick up their own trash after games and things like that.

Commissioner Lemen

Oh, okay.

Ms. Fauteux

If there is trash in the grandstands, the Silver Knights pick that up--

Commissioner Lemen

--oh, okay.

Ms. Fauteux

But, we do, Solid Waste does pick up the trash.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay. That's basically what I wanted to know was if they were maintaining it, if there's a huge doubleheader and there's tons of trash they--

Ms. Fauteux

--in the grandstands, they would pick that up.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay.

Ms. Fauteux

And they, of course, run all the concessions and everything.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Is it public knowledge how much the revenue is from the concessions? We say 40 percent of those sales.

Ms. Fauteux

We only get back though for--

Commissioner Lemen

Hi.

Ms. Fauteux

Hi.

Mayor Donchess

Birthday boy.

Ms. Fauteux

You have your advisors.

Commissioner, Paul Shea

(Inauditable).

Ms. Fauteux

We only get the 40 percent when it is a City event; we don't get it for their baseball.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay, so we don't get it for their baseball.

Ms. Fauteux

Correct.

Vice-Chairman Gregg

Okay.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea is now present. The minutes should reflect that. One item is that Commissioner Shea has agreed to try to attract events to the stadium, which would be great. You're working with Amber or somebody like that?

Commissioner Shea

Yeah, so at our meeting next week, we'll discuss further, and the commissioners will discuss it and figure out what a good group size is and consistency, but yes, Alderman Morgan and I have started the discussions. We went down with Director Fauteux, Superintendent Conant, out to the field, and looked out of one of the suites up there, and discussed bringing more to Holman Stadium. We have a lot of opportunities to have great events there, and great events there over many years, and we'd love to see more of that. We'll continue the discussion, and to the gentleman in the audience, the public comment period has passed. I see you raising your hand, so we'll listen through the meeting, and then afterwards, I'll take any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Well, that would be great, so keep us advised of what's happening.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Any other comments, questions?

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, James Donchess, Mayor

I think we've concluded our business, so we will turn to Commissioner Gregg for the next motion.

Motion by Commissioner Gregg: To adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The special meeting of the Board of Public Works of May 21, 2026, adjourned at 3:10 p.m.