

Select Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2025

Selectman Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Calling of the roll

Selectmen: Bill Nye, Barry Bateman, Nick Hanson

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

The selectmen signed the town warrant.

Barry made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 5, 2025, as written. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Shirley School Committee will go over the Shirley School budget at the next select board meeting April 2, 2025.

The selectmen set the date for the town budget meeting for April 7, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Shirley Library.

The Fire Chief from Greenville Fire Department gave an update on the recent house fire in Shirley. The Greenville Fire Department responded to a call at 5:00am that there was a fire at the back of the house, all residents were out of the house and were trying to get back in to rescue some cats, the fire proceeded to the attic. The Fire Marshall said there was too much damage to determine the cause of the fire. The Fire Department was unable to draw water from the dry hydrant at the Shirley bridge due to ice and low water and getting it over the guardrail. They pulled water out of Greenville and used roughly 80,000 gallons on the house fire. There was a total of 6 tankers hauling water.

Fire Chief Sawyer Murray recommended to the select board that they try to better the Shirley dry hydrant. All select board members agreed. The previous select board approximately 10 years ago denied help from individuals who were willing to help improve the dry hydrant. It's always been difficult drafting water from this dry hydrant.

Sawyer shared with the selectboard ideas of how they can go about getting a dry hydrant put in the correct way. Sawyer said he would look to see if the State of Maine has any grants for this dry hydrant project.

Bill Fortin went to the Planning Board, and they are unwilling to drop the yearly fees for the Marijuana Business Licensing application. Bill feels the fees are expensive and he is exempt to pay the fees to the town under the grandfather's clause according to the State of Maine.

Bill made a motion to honor Bill Fortin's grandfather clause not to pay the yearly Marijuana Business License application fees. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by,  
Carolyn Nye-Secretary