

Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 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 April 30, 2025, as written. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Carolyn sent an email to the State of Maine Division of Licensing and Enforcement informing them that the Town of Shirley by Referendum Ballot vote on June 14, 1988, taken as Article 2 Sale of liquor for consumption off the premises on Sundays with a vote of yes 21 and no vote of 16. Joshua got back by email and stated that it had been changed on their website.

Bill said they need to work on a bid package for the culverts.

Vera asked the select board to make a motion to approve taking out money from the technology fund to cover for remote support for Peggy's historical society's new laptop set up.

Bill made a motion to take out from the technology fund to cover the amount for the remote support for Peggy's historical society's new laptop. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The select board signed the department of transportations disclaimer that they can use the upper Shirley Corner Road to store their equipment while they are paving from Greenville to Abbot.

Bill made a motion to go into an executive session on May 23, 2025, at 4:00pm for personnel reasons. Barry seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Nick discussed putting up the flags. Nick asked to order 15 more flag holders for the veterans. Bill asked for more brackets to hang the flags on the pole. The select board removed most of the bump signs.

The select board and treasurer were asking Mindy and Kelly to bring forward \$10,143.00 from surplus to keep the school budget the same amount of \$610,895.00 as

last year. The school board agreed and needed a motion to approve from the select board.

Bill made a motion to bring forward \$10,143.00 from surplus. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Vera reminded the select board that she took out \$10,000 to fix the town hall doors. If it does not happen before June 30, 2025, they will need to put an article in the warrant asking the town to put that money into a savings account so it can be paid in July. The select board agreed.

Vera took \$3,000.00 from the cemetery expense line and took it down to \$500.00. The cemetery expense line will be renamed. Carolyn said it should be renamed to permanent care and maintenance and Nick added with it should not be called perpetual care. Everyone agreed. Vera said the budget is down from last year by \$34,896.00.

Vera and Geneva are still working on their reports for the town book. Geneva put on 21 Tax Liens down from 42.

The select board made some adjustments to the warrant. The amount for surplus was changed. An article was added for the town hall doors. The article asking if the snowmobile trail busters can receive the money from snowmobile registrations was removed since it's all-ready part of the budget and there is no reason to vote on it twice.

Tim Gora asked if Arvo Korsman is supposed to put sand on the Blanchard Road after plowing during the winter. Tim feels it hasn't been done in 2 years. Bill said they will contact Arvo to discuss it. Tim wanted to know when Blanchard Road would be grated. The select board said they will be doing it soon. The select board recently had Mark Jennison clean up the end of the Blanchard Road because water was bubbling up, he added some dirt and smoothed it out.

Derek is concerned with the culverts that were replaced years ago by his place he feels work was not done correctly. Nick is not happy with some that were done last fall. The select board is working on plans to get this done. Nick brought up the old contracts for snow removal, also contained the contractor was supposed to fill in bumps. The select board will be revising the contracts when the contracts run out.

Bill made a move to end the meeting at 7:00pm. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye