

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 – 6:00 PM Shirley Town Office

Attendance

- Bill Nye, Chair
- Barry Bateman, Selectman
- Carolyn Nye, Town Clerk/Secretary to the Select Board

Call to Order

Chairman Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bill Nye moved to approve December 10, 2025, minutes as written. **Second:** Barry Bateman **Vote:** 2–0, motion passed.

Town Warrant

The Select Board reviewed and signed the town warrant.

Correspondence

Bill read the resignation letter submitted by Animal Control Officer Gary Scavette. Mr. Scavette will continue serving as ACO until March 2, 2026.

Motion: Bill moved to accept the resignation of Gary Scavette. **Second:** Barry **Vote:** 2–0, motion passed.

New Business

1. Historical Society – Insurance Coverage and Governance Clarification

(MMA Risk Management Review)

2. Vendor Compliance Policy

Discussion and possible adoption.

Both items were tabled until the next meeting.

Snowplow Stored in Old Fire Station Bay

Bill raised the ongoing matter of the snowplow stored in the former fire station bay by Drew Watson.

- The Board notified Mr. Watson in writing back on January 23, 2025, that the Town would no longer rent storage space in the bays due to insurance requirements and directed him to remove the plow.
- A follow-up email was sent on November 15, 2025, but returned with an automatic notice that he was unavailable until January 1, 2026.
- As of January 7, 2026, the plow remains in the bay. Board members have observed that Mr. Watson has been home and clearing his driveway during this period.
- Bill noted that when the Board discontinued leasing the bays, he removed his own stored items in November as part of the same process communicated to all users.

Bill stated that the appropriate next step is to issue a certified notice directing Mr. Watson to remove the plow within twelve hours of receipt. If not removed, the Town will arrange removal at Mr. Watson's expense.

Motion: Bill moved to authorize the Town Clerk to send a certified letter to Drew Watson directing him to remove his plow from the Fire Station Bay within 12 hours of receipt. **Second:** Barry **Vote:** 2-0, motion passed.

Town Clerk Timesheet Adjustment

Barry expressed concern that although the Select Board had signed the Town Clerk's timesheet, the Treasurer adjusted it on her own authority. Barry stated this was unacceptable and that the Town owes the Town Clerk 10 hours of pay. Bill agreed.

Motion: Bill moved that the Town Clerk be paid for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, as requested, because those holidays fell on days the Town Office is normally open. This had been verified by text message on December 1, 2025, with agreement from all three Select Board members. **Second:** Barry **Vote:** 2-0, motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn at 6:12 PM. **Second:** Barry **Vote:** 2-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Nye Town Clerk / Secretary to the Select Board