

Town of Shirley
Select Board Meeting
February 18, 2026

Present:

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson

Selectman: Barry Bateman

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Public Present:

Julie Fortin

William Fortin

Norman Beckwith

Floyd Hartford

Hannah Pratt

Scott Philips

Call to order:

Chairman Nick Hanson Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, directly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Meeting recorded by the Town Clerk.

Approval of minutes:

Nick Hanson explained that the February 4th meeting was cancelled due to the unexpected resignations of Selectman Bill Nye and Town Clerk Carolyn Nye. He noted that when he and Barry arrived for the meeting there were two letters of resignation on the table.

These resignations were read and accepted.

Motion by: Nick Hanson to accept both resignations, seconded by Barry Bateman. Motion carried 2-0.

Barry added that it was a shock to come in for the meeting only to find two resignations. He had not received any warning or notice that they were resigning. Discussion continued.

Nick and Barry thanked Treasurer Vera Davis and Tax Collector Brandie Costantine for helping through this transition. Brandie added that she will hold

office hours on Tuesdays 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and Thursdays 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Town Warrant:

The Select Board reviewed and signed the town warrant.

Correspondence:

Mailings from Maine Municipal Association were reviewed.

New Business:

1. William and Julie Fortin were present seeking the select boards blessing to continue operating their business Northwoods Caregivers as an LLC.

Motion by: Nick Hanson to approve Northwoods Caregivers continuing their business, seconded by Barry Bateman. Motion carried 2-0.

Nick signed the retail store authorization form provided by Julie Fortin.

Old Business: None

Selectman Additions:

1. Nick discussed the North Road issue regarding sand and will contact Jordan.

2. Barry explained that rather than having a special town meeting to elect a Selectman, the position will be filled at the annual meeting by vote.

3. Vera discussed a set of minutes from January that need amending. In these minutes it was stated that the Treasurer does not have authority to adjust payroll. Vera explained that the Treasurer can absolutely adjust payroll, adding that Bill should not have voted as it is a conflict. The Board recognizes that the Treasurer is authorized to adjust payroll.

Public Comments:

1. Norman Beckwith referred to a previous meeting where a concern about parking vehicles on the side of the road was discussed. He stated that at that meeting the Board and former Clerk stated they had not contacted Brian Turner. Norman presented an email the Clerk had sent to Mr. Turner verifying he was contacted regarding this matter. Norman also stated that at said

meeting, the Clerk stated that town had a Parking Ordinance, but he does not recall there being one. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Floyd Hartford added that there are no yellow or white lines on the road and people have always parked there.

The Board will research whether the town has a Parking Ordinance.

2. Norman Beckwith mentioned that the Town Clerk should be recording in the town book. Nick stated that meetings are recorded and all votes are in meeting minutes. Brandie will get the book updated as time allows.

3. Scott Philips discussed Planning Board attendance and possibly adding a new member. Barry added that he knows someone interested and he will be appointed before the next Planning Board meeting. Discussion continued regarding the addition of alternate members to the Planning Board.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Barry Bateman. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk