

Town of Shirley
Select Board Meeting
March 4, 2026

Present:

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson

Selectman: Barry Bateman

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Public Present:

Kim Girourd

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:

Motion by: Barry Bateman to accept the minutes of February 18, 2026, seconded by Nick Hanson. Motion carried 2-0.

Town Warrant:

The Select Board reviewed and signed the town warrant.

Correspondence:

None.

New Business:

1. Discussion on having one Select Board meeting a month instead of two. Nick stated he was in favor of having just one meeting a month. Barry agreed, adding that the following month's meeting will always be in the minutes. Vera added that we will still proceed with a warrant every two weeks. Nick stated that we will still have the second meeting this month on the 18th. In April we will begin the monthly meeting schedule with an April 15th meeting. The meetings schedule will be posted on the website and in the Shirley Post Office. The

Annual Town Meeting will be on June 15th this year. The June Select Board meeting will be on June 24th.

Old Business:

1. Vera explained that the Blanchard Road snow contract is expiring. She requested that a pay schedule be included in the next contract. Nick will handle this.

Selectman Additions:

1. Nick stated that now that the weather is warming up, we have to pay attention to the roads. Nick will put up some bump signs where needed as well.

2. Barry Mentioned that we received the documents from the contractor for the dry hydrant. The board signed the contract, and all necessary steps will be completed this week. The contractor would like to start as soon as possible.

3. Barry added that Chris will be keeping an eye on the bridge. The bridge was flooded today, but Norman took care of it.

Public Comments:

1. Kim Girourd asked about the Town Clerk position, asking if the board has considered bringing services back. Nick explained that at this time, this is not being considered. Discussion continued.

2. Kim asked about the town's Facebook page. Nick stated that the page was taken down, adding that it was never authorized by the Select Board.

3. Brandie discussed having elections at the Town Office in the library, instead of the Shirley Town Hall. She explained that this location would better serve the poll workers and meets the states polling place guidelines. Nick and Barry both agreed that the election location can be moved to the Town Office/Library.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Barry Bateman. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk

