

**Town of Shirley**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**April 29, 2026**

**Present:**

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson

Selectman: Barry Bateman

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Deputy Clerk: Esther Ireland

**Public Present:** None

**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 March 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:**

**Motion By:** Barry Bateman to appoint Norman Beckwith and Edward Gwara to the Planning Board, seconded by Nick Hanson. Motion carried 2-0.

**Old Business:**

1. Barry discussed the trash issue and explained that we did not need to create a policy because the state already has a law that prohibits discarding trash without a container. Barry added that he has been in contact with the Sheriff and has also gone house to house letting people know about the law and that trash must be in a container. The Sheriff will begin issuing warnings next week and then issue fines to those who do not comply.

### **Selectman Additions:**

1. Barry Spoke with Pike about getting a bid for paving from the bridge up to the school bus turnaround on the West Road and paving the South Road. This will be a warrant article.
2. We received the paperwork for the Town Hall foundation repair; it is approximately \$43,000.00. The exact amount will be in the warrant article.
3. Barry added that we will add an article to have employees appointed, not elected.
4. Nick Discussed the Blanchard Road contract and putting that out to bid.
5. Nick discussed obtaining a debit card to keep in the office for purchasing stamps, postage, and similar supplies. Vera stated that the town already has a debit card, which is kept at her house. It may be used, but she would like for a PIN to be required. Vera will speak with Bangor Savings Bank. Nick will add Brandie and Esther to the town's Hammond Lumber account.
6. Nick requested we contact John Contrini to be the Moderator for the June 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
7. Barry mentioned that the Planning Board wanting to hold a Public Hearing on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussion continued, Barry stated that the planning Board can have the hearing, however they do not need to discuss having a Budget Committee because it is not needed. MMA clearly states that the budget is up to the Treasurer and Select Board. Nick suggested that in the future we have these meetings/hearings in the library instead of the Town Hall.
8. The Board discussed the proposed Town Assets Policy submitted by the Planning Board. At this time, they do not wish to move forward with this.
9. Nick added that the Bulk waste day will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Clerk will get this posted.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Barry Bateman. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk