

Town of Shirley
Select Board Meeting
June 24, 2026

Present:

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson

Selectman: Barry Bateman

Selectman: Marc Costantine

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Public Present:

Jonh Simko

Tom Taliento

Charlie Baker

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: Marc Costantine to accept May 20, 2026, minutes as written, seconded by Barry Bateman. Motion carried 3-0.

Marc asked that Board members receive the minutes in advance so they can review them before the meeting, eliminating the need to read them aloud.

Copies of the minutes would also be available for attendees. **Motion by:** Marc Costantine that the minutes be reviewed prior to the meeting and approved during the meeting, seconded by Nick Hanson. Motion Carried 3-0.

Town Warrant:

The Select Board reviewed and signed the town warrant.

Correspondence:

A letter received from the Ashe family was reviewed. The siblings own the Lower Shirley triangle where the town has a sign and flowers. In the letter they agree to let the town continue to mow and have the sign there, however

anything beyond that would need approval. The Select Board will review this further and consider a formal contract.

New Business:

1. The Board revisited storm damage repairs on Blanchard Road and North Road, as well as FEMA funding. Nick said he spoke with Cole, who will dedicate time to the Town of Shirley after finishing a few other projects. Marc asked whether the town was applying for a FEMA extension. Nick said the town could apply, but he believes the work will be completed on time. Nick explained that FEMA funds must be used within the marked coordinates set by FEMA. Barry added that the town received only \$68,000 and we still need to install two culverts on North Road and complete grading work. He said the remaining funds should be used on Blanchard Road. Marc asked whether FEMA had reimbursed the \$68,000 spent last year. Barry explained that the \$68,000 was the check FEMA sent. Nick added that the town has already spent more than \$70,000 and will not receive any additional funds.

2. Nick added that certain areas need cold patching, they can get material from Hammonds. Matt Hall has been busy grading, Nick asked when the ATV club will be grading the Blanchard Road. Marc stated that the club can do the grading whenever the town brings the material in. Barry added that we should try to coordinate this with the FEMA work. Marc suggested we apply for the extension with FEMA just in case there are delays with the work, adding that he will do the application. All agreed.

3. John Simko of Androscoggin Bank was present to discuss the bond. There are four different options for financing and John recommends the Bond Anticipation Note. If we have an attorney prepare a Bond Note, we could have the money as soon as July 6th.

John discussed benefits for the town if we move our banking relations to Androscoggin. Discussion continued.

Motion by: Marc Costantine to move forward with the Bond Anticipation Note from Androscoggin Bank at 5.49%, seconded by Nick Hanson. Motion carried 3-0.

John will coordinate with the attorney to keep the process moving forward, and Barry will contact Pike.

Old Business:

None

Selectman Additions:

None

Public Comments:

1. Tom Taliento asked whether the minutes could be posted on the website before approval. Marc said he believes they can be posted as a draft. Brandie will look into it.

Tom added that he thinks were in good shape with the plans for Blanchard Road, adding that material should be brought in. Marc agreed and stated we need to get the road structure in better shape and stated he would meet with Tom before the work begins.

2. Charlie Baker expressed interest in revising the plaque at Shirley Pond. He would like permission from the Selectman to do this on his own. Marc suggested that Charlie put some things together that he thinks should be on the plaque and we can have James (Eddies Tint and Print) make the signs. Charlie would like to see information on Shirleys Logging History, Shirley Lumber Company, and Shirley Industries. Charlie will work on getting this information.

3. Vera gave an update on Bangor Savings Payroll and stated that now that we are on a once-a-month pay schedule we will be saving \$400.00 a year on payroll expense. Vera added that we will also be saving over \$1,000.00 a year on QuickBooks by paying annually instead of monthly.

4. Marc discussed issues with the office copier and asked if we should consider purchasing a new one.

Motion by: Nick Hanson to approve the purchase of a new copier, seconded by Marc Costantine. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Marc Costantine. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk