

Town of Shirley
Select Board Meeting
July 15, 2026, Shirley Library

Present:

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson

Selectman: Barry Bateman

Selectman: Marc Costantine

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Public Present:

Karen Jodrey

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 the June 24, 2026, minutes as written, seconded by Nick Hanson. Motion carried 3-0.

Town Warrant:

The Select Board reviewed and signed the town warrant.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

1. Bulky waste day. Marc mentioned a conversation he had with Bolsters Rubish Removal. They would like Shirley residents to have garbage out by 7:00 a.m. Nick stated that 8:00 a.m. is fine. Marc asked why we do not have two dumpsters at the Bulky Waste Day. Nick explained that in the past they would drop the dumpster off at 7:00 a.m. and people would already have it full by the

time they arrived before the 8:00 a.m. start time. The board discussed options to prevent residents from abusing this privilege in the future.

Nick suggested limiting it to one trip per household, or no more than one truck or trailer load. Nick added that the dumpster should not arrive before 8:00 a.m. Marc and Barry agreed and we will post notice of this.

Marc reported that several residents have asked about recycling pickup. Bolsters quoted an additional cost of \$8,000 per year to add this service. The Board may consider it in the future, but not at this time.

2. Payroll Ordinance. Marc explained that the ordinance would allow Vera as the Treasurer to initiate payroll checks to town employees ahead of the warrant audit.

Motion by: Nick Hanson to move forward with the Payroll Ordinance, seconded by Barry Bateman. Motion carried 3-0.

The Public Hearing will be held August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Charlie Baker presented information and photographs that he compiled to have the Shirley plaque redone. The Select Board agreed to use the information provided by Charlie.

Motion by: Nick Hanson to have Eddies Tint and Print make the plaque using Charlie's information and pictures, seconded by Marc Costantine. Motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Additions:

1. Marc reported that he has spoken with the auditor about the steps needed to bring the town into audit compliance. Marc also reported that he reached out to the Assessor regarding the last full assessment, which was 2008.

2. Marc has contacted FEMA to file for the extension; however, he has not had any luck with this. Currently the only person with access to our grant's portal is a former Selectman. Marc will continue to work on getting access and filing the extension.

Public Comments:

1. Karen Jodrey asked how she could close C.C. Road to ATVs, stating that it is a private road owned by her and the other residents who live on it. She said ATVs pass her house as late as 11:00 p.m. Marc stated that she could not close the road because, according to the Maine Attorney General's Office, the C.C. Road was built with public funds. He advised her to contact that office if she wished to pursue the matter. Karen stated again that the road is private and owned by those who live on it, and she has this in writing from the town. She will contact the state about closing it.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Marc Costantine. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk