Town of Shirley
Select Board Meeting
September 16, 2026, Shirley Library

Present:

Selectman Chairman: Nick Hanson
Selectman: Barry Bateman
Selectman: Marc Costantine
Town Clerk/Secretary to the Selectman: Brandie Costantine

Public Present:

Tom Taliento

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 August 19, 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. Barry addressed a culvert issue near Stephen McCabe's property. All Selectmen have received several threatening complaints from Mr. McCabe, who claims water is entering his driveway and argues that the Selectmen have no authority to clear the culvert. Barry explained that the culvert lies within the town's right-of-way and is being cleared in preparation for paving. The sheriff will be contacted if Mr. McCabe continues filling in the culvert.

2. Northern Shine cleaning crew came in and did an excellent job. We may consider having this done annually.

3. The switch to INFOTECH MAINE is complete. The Board discussed switching to voice over internet instead of phones. Marc will contact IT for more information.

4. TC Hafford gave a start date of May 2027 for the foundation work at the Town Hall. Barry suggests we put them on hold and put the project out to bid. All agreed.

Old Business: None.

Selectman Additions: None.

Public Comments:

1. Tom Talliento expressed safety concerns about an eroded culvert on Blanchard Road and asked why damage from the 2024 storm had not been addressed. Marc mentioned a FEMA portal issue but said Summer Roads funds were available for repairs if needed. Tom said the road had lost substantial gravel and that some FEMA funding was intended to rebuild it to prevent similar damage. He asked why the work remained unfinished despite the town having received emergency funds. Barry noted that some work has been completed each year. Nick said the culvert would be repaired as soon as possible. Marc will contact a contractor.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nick Hanson, seconded by Barry Bateman. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Brandie Costantine, Town Clerk