Town of Mercer
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Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 9/22/26
Mercer Town Office, 1015 Beech Hill Road
September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Present were: Dari Hurley, Ricky Parlin, Joel Hooper, Nancy Gove, Cody Wolf, Myke Bartholf, Mike Sullivan, Gerry & Nancy Gilman, Gaylene Williams, Donna Parlin, Brian Breton, Ryan Nickerson. Faylene Genness arrived late.

1. Pledge of Allegiance. Done.

2. Call meeting to order. Chairman Ricky Parlin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

3. Citizen's Concerns. Mike Sullivan reported that Beech Hill Road, near the intersection with Pond Road, is losing pavement.

4. Old Business
   a. Discuss Draft Data Center Moratorium Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board, determine if legal review is desired and schedule public hearing. Dari made a motion to waive legal review on this temporary ordinance. Ricky seconded. Vote 3-0. The definition of a data center came up as a concern, said definition is too broad. Joel made a motion to redefine the term data center through the Planning Board. Dari seconded. Vote 3-0. Dari made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss the moratorium ordinance on September 22nd at 6:15 p.m. Joel seconded. Vote 3-0.
   b. Community Resilience Partnership grant update. The Select Board and Administrator met with Dayea Shim of Grow Smart Maine for our kickoff meeting. The next step is to develop a work plan and a self-evaluation questionnaire that needs to be completed by the town. Once this is done, we will schedule a community workshop meeting for October/November to discuss various projects which meet their criteria of community resilience, to identify project priorities from the community's standpoint. The final grant application will be submitted in May for an award notification in August.

5. New Business
   a. Decker Road bid opening of 9/1/26. Joel made a motion to award the Decker Road bid to Ryan Nickerson of Nickerson General Contracting, using granite surface material, for the quoted price of $40,000. Dari seconded. Vote 3-0.
   b. Upcoming closure of Town Office for mandatory staff training. Nancy reported that the town office will be closed on Wednesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 24th for election training.
   c. Deputy Clerk position. Joel made a motion to hire Gabriel Burgett. Ricky seconded. Vote 2 in favor, 1 abstained – Dari Hurley.
   d. Review Special Town Meeting Warrant. Items scheduled for special town meeting include the 5-year fire department contract, the contract for grant-writing services through Charlie Baeder, the data center moratorium and the reallocation of funds for the historical society.
   e. Items from the Board/Administrator.
      1. Election update. The Town Clerk's office will be receiving a new voting tabulator machine (DS300) along with a new handicapped voting machine. Delivery will be in September. The Town will need to insure the equipment.

6. Discussion with Treasurer:
   a. Warrants #53-55. Joel moved to approve the warrants with the exception of the Pike Invoice listed in warrant #55. (This non-approval status was clearly marked on the warrant.) Ricky seconded. Vote 3-0.

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b. August 2026 checkbook reconciliation. The Board signed the reconciliation.
c. Other financial matters, if any. None.

7. Approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026 Meeting. Joel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dari seconded. Vote 3-0.

8. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on a motion by Rickey, seconded by Joel. Vote 3-0.