

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026

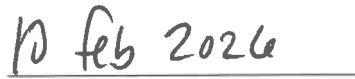
Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Brent Hallowell (Vice-Chair), Erin Anderson (arrived at 6:13), and Yolanda Violette. Not Present: James Torbert and Brian O'Mahoney

1. Mr. Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. Delta Ambulance Budget – Chris Mitchell attended to discuss the Delta Ambulance budget. Delta has developed a new methodology for calculating the cost difference between their two divisions. It was determined, using their new method, that the EMS division of Delta carries an increased share of the overall cost of operation compared to their transfer, or non-emergency, division. The Town of Whitefield's obligation for the upcoming budget stands at \$138,780. The potential withdrawal of 2 towns in Delta's service region in the future could result in a further increase from the current \$60 per capita to as much as \$70+ per capita.
3. Motion and second to accept the minutes of January 13 carried 3-0.
4. Approved and signed the Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants and the BMV Warrant.
5. Building and Development Ordinance – The Town's attorney has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Building and Development Ordinance. A work session is scheduled for the Planning Board to review and alterations on Thursday, January 29th. Another Work session is scheduled for the Planning Board to develop the forms and applications required by the ordinance(s).
6. Junkyard Ordinance – The Town's attorney reviewed and approved of the proposed amendments to the Automobile Graveyard, Automobile Recycling Business and Junkyard Ordinance.
7. Fire & Rescue Station Facilities Use Policy – Motion and second to adopt the policy carried 3-0.
8. Annual Town Meeting Warrant 3.21.2026 – A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate for unpaid taxes at 5% and due dates for November 30, 2026 and April 30, 2027. This represents no change to the interest rate and follows the precedent of due dates on or around the final business day of November and April. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant – The Town has been conditionally awarded the grant.
10. The solar panels are currently covering most of the electricity used by the sand and salt shed. In the winter road maintenance contract, the contractor is responsible for the electricity used during the winter when they're using the building. By having the solar panels cover the increased use, the contractor is in effect using solar credits that could be used later in the year to offset the town's electricity costs. Will be reviewed at the next contract renewal.

11. Midcoast Inspection and Code Services LLC – No definitive numbers were provided but it was confirmed that it would be more than the Town's current expenditure for code enforcement. The board is taking no action at this time.
12. The Whitefield Library provided their December report.
13. The Road Commissioner believes the Town may need more sand before the season is over.
14. Brian O'Mahoney and Jose Ambriz returned nomination papers for the open Selectboard seats while Robin Huntley returned nomination papers for one of the two Planning Board seats and Gretchen Morrow returned nomination papers for the School Board seat. A Write In will be needed for the second Planning Board seat.
15. At 8:00 pm, a motion and second to enter executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) carried 3-0. Executive session adjourned at 8:15 pm.
16. Motion and second to adjourn carried 3-0.



Seth A. Bolduc



Date



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson