

**Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025**

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Brent Hallowell (Vice-Chair. Arriving late), Erin Anderson, James Torbert, Brian O'Mahoney, and Yolanda Violette

1. Mr. Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. Motion and second to accept the minutes of December 9 Carried 3-0
3. Approve and Sign Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants
4. Fox Farm Lane – Winter Plowing update. Mr. Mitchell who had previously inquired to plow the town portion of Fox Farm Lane is deceased. The town will pursue an agreement, on similar terms, with the business that is now plowing the residents' portion of the road.
5. 2026 Holiday Schedule has been made and approved.
6. The town report is in preparation, and the board is considering nominations for the report dedication and Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America award is associated with volunteerism within the community. Suggestions welcome to the town office or select board. In addition, Yolanda is seeking photographs taken within the town for possible inclusion in the report.
7. Fy 26-27 Budget Review – continued

Fire Dept: This portion of the meeting included a review of suggested changes in the Fire Dept budget. Chief Jesse Barton took questions and provided deeper background on the need for budget changes. Both Chief Barton and EMS director Michael Johnson noted that emergency rescue calls have increased steadily over the last three years. While this may be for many reasons, the population of Whitefield is aging and under-resourced. In addition, the dept has used federal grant funds to supplement the yearly budget. While FEMA typically seeks grant proposals in September, that has not happened yet this year. Thus, federal assistance, which has been available in the past, seems to have dried up. Motion and second to recommend funding at \$160,344. (5-0)

Town administration personnel: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$266,713 (5-0)

Planning Board and CEO: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$16,195 (5-0)

Animal Control Officer: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$13,000 (4-1)

Town Roads: A portion of the roads budget will be funded by a portion of the carry-forward balance and CMP settlement monies. Motion and second to recommend funding at \$795,024 (5-0)

Winter roads: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$467,300 (5-0)

General assistance: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$2,000 (5-0)

Cemeteries: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$4,700 (5-0)

Humane Society and Solid Waste: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$27,980 (5-0)

Capital Outlay: Includes \$9,000 toward Fire Department capital improvements and \$12,000 toward road grader maintenance. Motion and second to recommend funding at \$21,000 (5-0)

TAN (Tax anticipation note): Motion and second to recommend funding at \$600 (5-0)

Debt service: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$49,919 (5-0)

Requests from outside organizations:

- Maine General Hospice: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$1,137 (4-1)
- Kennebec Behavioral Health: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$1,000 (5-0)
- New Hope Midcoast: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$640 (5-0)
- Spectrum Generations: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$1,321 (5-0)
- Young at Heart: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$175 (5-0)
- Children's Center: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$1,241 (5-0)
- Lifeflight Foundation: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$0 (4-1)
- Sweetser: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$500 (5-0)

Requests from organizations within the town:

- Whitefield Library: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$20,000 (5-0)
- Food Bank: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$3,000 (5-0)
- Whitefield cemeteries: Motion and second to recommend funding at \$5,000 (5-0)

8. Motion and second for Select Board Adjournment. (5-0)



Seth A. Bolduc



Date



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson