

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025

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

1. Mr. Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. Motion and second to approve and sign the minutes of August 26 carried 5-0.
3. Approved and Signed Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants.
4. At 6:04, Mr. Bolduc opened the public hearing for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program Application for Fuzzy Udder Creamery. Alex Zipparo, from Lincoln County Regional Planning, briefly discussed the CDBG Economic Development Program and the application process. Michael and Jaqueline Segura, owners of Fuzzy Udder Creamery, discussed how the grant would be utilized to expand their operations into underutilized spaces. With the planned upgrades they anticipate a 30% increase in production, allowing them to hire a full-time employee. At 6:11, Mr. Bolduc adjourned the Public Hearing.
5. Citizen Concern – Peter Chase claimed he is being held to unfair standards regarding the development of his property on Grand Army Road. To get power to his property Mr. Chase needs CEO Arthur Strout's signature on an 1190 form from CMP certifying that he has obtained all local permits and/or approvals required under Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 187 and Title 38 M.R.S.A. Chapter 3. Mr. Strout has not signed Mr. Chase's 1190 form as he has not obtained a septic design, in accordance with the statutes. Mr. Chase claimed he has been given approval by a former assessor and a former Road Commissioner as well as a gentleman he claims is responsible for installing many of the holding tanks on Clary Lake. The select board explained that the CEO and planning board are following the appropriate procedures and encouraged Mr. Chase to obtain a septic design to continue the development he seeks.
6. Tax Acquired Property – The modifications to the conditions of sale for 480 Vigue Road were accepted by the prospective buyers. A deed has been reviewed by the Town's attorney and found satisfactory. The buyers expressed a desire to close on the property as soon as possible. The granddaughter of the former landowner reached out to inquire about removing the camper from the property. The Town's attorney advised that if the person can prove ownership, they may remove the camper. Motion and second to sign the quitclaim deed for 480 Vigue Road carried 5-0. The deed will be held until closing.
7. Roads – Paving may resume at the end of the coming week or beginning of the following. Road Commissioner Dylan Peaslee confirms that aprons will be added at the end of the project and estimates another week's worth of work remains. Mr. Hallowell will investigate CMP's plans to resume heavy

trucking on Townhouse Road. The brush cutting contractor has until mid-October to begin clearing brush. Yolanda will follow up with Nathan Northrup on his schedule.

8. Motion and second to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) carried 5-0. Executive session begins at 7:01. Executive session adjourned at 7:33.
9. Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Risk Reduction Grant – Grant application is due by September 15th. A barrier design has been identified that would be acceptable to the Board. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Violette will finalize the application to be submitted before the deadline.
10. Tax Commitment – The Select Board was presented a range of options for the 2026 mil rate. The Board discussed lowering the overlay for 2026 now that the uncertainty from the revaluation in 2025 has largely subsided. Motion and second to adopt a mil rate of 10.23 for 2026 Tax Commitment carried 5-0.
11. The board discussed the tax bill insert. Of particular note was the addition that previous registrations must be presented at the time of renewal for all motor vehicle, trailer, ATV, snowmobile and boat registrations.
12. Tax Acquired Property Policy – The Town's attorney has not yet reviewed the proposed changes.
13. Junkyard Ordinance – Formatting issues are currently being addressed. The Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission will be approached for consultation on potential changes to the ordinance.
14. Code Enforcement Officer/Licensed Plumbing Inspector Job Description – The Board will attempt to arrange for Arthur Strout to attend the September 23 meeting to discuss the job description. Motion and second to adopt the job description for the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Licensed Plumbing Inspector carried 5-0.
15. Correspondence
 - a. A thank you letter was received from The Whitefield Library for the Town's \$20,000 donation.
 - b. Whitefield residents wishing to take advantage of Hatch Hill's hazardous waste disposal event may still do so at their own cost.
 - c. Lincoln County requested the presence of all Select Board members for a meeting on September 11th at the Lincoln County Court House to nominate a member to serve on the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee.
 - d. The Office of Cannabis Policy is hosting an outreach event on September 25th at Bath City Hall.
 - e. MMA is seeking nominations for delegates to their annual convention on October 8th.
16. The Town of Whitefield is seeking somebody to shovel during the winter. A job posting will be published.

17. Delta Ambulance is hosting an informational meeting at the Windsor town office on September 17th and 23rd at 10am. Mike Johnson plans to attend on behalf of the town and Whitefield Fire and Rescue.
18. Painting at the Central Fire Station was finished on September 6th by volunteers Erin Anderson, Seth Bolduc, Chip Dillon, Dan Gottlieb, Brent Hallowell, Brian O'Mahoney, Christopher Pennock, John Paul Rietz, Jim Torbert and David Wright. This volunteer project saved the town several thousand dollars.
19. Motion and second for Select Board Adjournment carried 5-0.



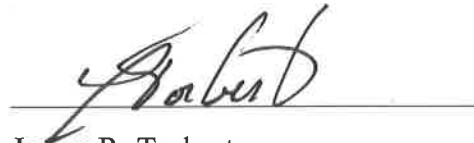
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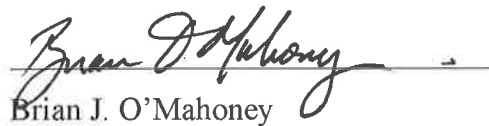
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Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert



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