

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 29, 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 July 15. 5-0
3. Approve and Sign Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants
4. Bids for roadside brush cutting

Two bids received for brush cutting on five town roads were opened. Both were comparably structured and met the requirements.

Sylvester Excavation of Union. \$29,150

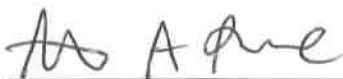
Nathan Northrup of Jefferson \$27,700.

Both bids are in excess of the budgeted amount for this year but the town may use funds left from the last budget cycle. The board will ask the Road Committee for a recommendation on which bid to pursue.

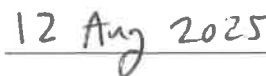
5. Levon Mickeriz, partner of Supreme Core Recycling, attended to represent the application for an Automobile Graveyard/ junkyard permit in the space formerly occupied by Paul's Pick-a-Part. This requires a public hearing which will be held at the opening of the next Select Board meeting. Mr Mickeriz will return for this meeting. We suggested to Mr. Mickeriz that an updated review from Maine DEP is desirable since the last review, for a previous occupant, was in 2011.
6. Recycling Building. The Planning Board denied the town's Notice to Build application to place an additional building for recycling. It appears that previous construction for other buildings do not have planning documentation because the construction predates the requirement. Awaiting planning board decision following their next meeting to allow for the placement of the shed with consideration for setback limits.
7. Quitclaim Deeds – 2 accts- Russell, Margaret 2023 & 2024 taxes paid in full to date. Motion and second to issue quitclaim deed. 5-0 Select Board signed deed.
8. 2023 Tax Foreclosures – 90 days expired on two foreclosed properties. Both accounts expired 7-22. The board had an extensive conversation weighing options for the properties.
 - a) There has been no return communication from the Michael Fairservice property. Motion and second to assign the property to the real estate agent for consideration at the next meeting. 5-0

b) Harold Lilly Vigue Road. There has been no progress on this property. Motion and second to list with the real estate agent for consideration at the next meeting. 5-0

9. Treasurer Report – FYE 6.30.2025, Extensive read-through of current state of the town's accounts. Fewer tax accounts are late this year compared to previous years. We deem this as a positive since late payments incur significant administrative costs to the taxpayers. The board considered expanding the future office training budget. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$300 from the existing budget to pay for further training specifically for accounting systems. 5-0
10. Roads – The paving on Townhouse Road is nearing completion. Their estimate on gravel was lower and ended up using \$8000 more in gravel than had been budgeted. The portion of the road near the Sheepscot General stretch needed more gravel than expected and more gravel was included than in the engineer's recommendation. In addition, more gravel than planned was added above and around the cow tunnel at the Northrup property. The paving contractor is moving to a different project and will return to complete the town's other paving projects in the fall.
11. Correspondence – Whitefield Library Report. The report indicates robust library use and effective use of community volunteers.
12. Select Board minute secretary position. A motion was made and seconded to hire Cameron Maillet by the hour at his office rate of pay. 5-0
13. The EMS Communications truck is beyond its usable life and fire dept suggests redesignating it as an extraction training vehicle. A motion was made and seconded to allow this use. 5-0
14. The paving contractor for the Townhouse Road paving project ended up causing some property damage when accessing water from the Clary Lake hydrant. The Road Commissioner will remedy any damage incurred at the Cowles' property.
15. Meetings with the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC) resilience grant program have resulted in seeking a heat pump for the fire station as well as wildland fire training and training for EV fire suppression. The board will pursue these options with LCRPC.
16. Executive session 8:03– Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) Motion and second, 5-0.
Executive session ended at 8:48
17. Motion and second for Select Board Adjournment. Motion and second, 5-0.



Seth A. Bolduc

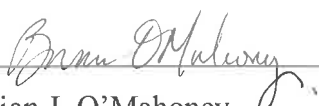


Date

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James R. Torbert



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