

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 3rd, 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 was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 20. Motion passed 5-0
3. Approve and Sign Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants. Approved and signed.
4. July 4th Parade – Sue McKeen attended to represent the parade organization. For the town insurance to cover the parade the town needs to designate a specific person to have oversight of the parade. Sue agreed to oversee the parade. Brian O'Mahoney will discuss the driveway turnaround opportunity with the owner, Mr Brown, with the intention that the town will restore the driveway condition to that before the event.
5. Cooper's Mills Fire Station - update Troy Prescott has provided an estimate to complete the work for roughly \$9200. The town's insurer agrees to cover this amount and Troy will begin work soon. Costs for the repairs to the fire truck have not been finalized.
6. 2023 Tax Foreclosures updates.
The Sullivan estate has been paid in full.
Stephen McDonald has a written agreement to pay in full by the end of August. The efforts to reach Margaret Russell have been unsuccessful.
Storm Peaslee called and asked whether his brother Paul had been in to pay. Paul has not. Yolanda will follow up.
Lilly and Fairservice. No movement on these two tax accounts.
7. QC Deed – Sullivan, Loretta Estate. Motion was made and seconded to sign the quitclaim deed for this property. Motion passed 5-0
8. 2022 Tax Foreclosure. The land specified in the Ripley account is to be assigned to a realtor. The board's interest is to sell the property through an in-town realtor or one with a relationship to the town. Yolanda will reach out to Lisa Webb-Kalloch to have her visit the next meeting.
9. Roads – Paving. We had discussed paving the Vigue Road entirely but the Road Committee believes that, having seen the cost, this would be cutting the paving funds too close. The paving contractor is ready to begin some work before the end of June and the board believes this to be a sound plan.

Following up on other road issues: The road committee is planning to drive some stubs for road signs that need to be replaced following damage and weather damage.

10. The Planning Board has referred to the Select Board an enforcement issue on Hornpout Lane. The board is being asked to ask the code enforcement officer to visit to inspect for a violation. Yolanda reports that Arthur Strout, code enforcement officer has been there before and has not reported violations.

The board seeks a clarification of the complaint and background information from the planning board. The town received a timeline of events several weeks ago from a landowner documenting inputs from various landowners along the road. We cannot enforce in this situation absent a finding of a violation of an ordinance. The challenge is whether this would be a violation of town ordinance or state law. Jim Torbert asserts that we may be reliant on state agencies to enforce. If there is a violation, it's state law. Town enforces ordinances. The question of which is the enforcing agency arose. Brent Hallowell suggested that the DEP offer some input.

The state Department of Environmental Protection, CEO Arthur Strout and the Knox-Lincoln Water district have all been involved already. Brent sought clarification about enforcement letters sent by the Planning Board. The board will request clarification from the Planning Board. The board agrees to pursue this via email to the Planning Board Chair

11. Delta Contract: Cost is \$35 charge per capita for the basic charge to the town. A motion was made and seconded to accept the contract of \$80,955. Motion approved 5-0. The town will receive a 5% reduction for payment in full.
12. Midcoast Humane Contract for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract for \$3,684.36 The town is required to keep a contract with an animal shelter to deal with animals that are taken into care by the animal control officer. Motion approved 5-0
13. Sheepscot River – Alewives. The Town of Alna has the rights to alewife harvests along the Sheepscot River even though the harvest takes place in Whitefield. As a result, the town of Alna receives revenue from this harvest. The board will invite Mike Brown from the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources to come offer more historical context and options for Whitefield's participation in the harvest.
14. Correspondences – County Commissioners

The hearing for an appeal for tax abatement rejection happened today, June 3rd. No information about the decision.

Possibly June 10th is another hearing regarding a Clary Lake abatement rejection appeal to the county.

15. Seth Bolduc reported he received a call from Alex Zipparo from the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission regarding a Community Development Block Grant opportunity that Fuzzy Udder is interested in pursuing. The program requires the town to initially offer support in the form of a letter of intent. The board has other questions. Are there costs to the town involved? Does a CDBG come off the top of any available federal funds to come to Whitefield. Board agrees to seek clarification for understanding of the town's role and will invite representatives from the LCRPC to the next meeting.
16. Other –The board will check with the town attorney for an update regarding the WW&F easement for a multi-use trail and the Will Turner Trust.
17. Motion to adjourn 5-0



Seth A. Bolduc

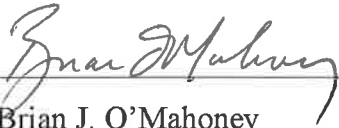


Date



Brent W. Hallowell

James R. Torbert



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson