

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025

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

1. Seth Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 8. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Abatement Request for 2022 & 2023. June Lordi noted an error on the tax card for her property. Corrections were made by the assessor for 2024 during the revaluation hearings. To abate previous years there would have to have been an illegal assessment. While the law does allow for a dispute for the current tax bill, it does not allow for the same in an earlier year. It would have to have been an actual illegal assessment, for example a building that no longer existed. A motion was made and seconded to deny the abatement request. Motion carried 5-0. Board members noted that all property owners can and should verify valuation details on their tax cards on the town website. While tax mil rates change annually to cover budget, the information on the tax cards is largely static.
5. Coopers' Mills Cemetery maintenance review. Two estimates were received for removal and resurfacing of the roadway within the cemetery.
Dylan Peaslee and Son: \$9,020
Nathan O Northrup: \$4,525.
A motion was made and seconded to accept Nathan Northrup's bid. Funds to come from the Will Turner Cemetery account. Motion carried 5-0
6. Disbursements policy updated to reflect new Select Board members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated policy. Motion carried 5-0 Board members signed the policy.
7. Discussion on investment policy. This arose for two reasons. Firstly, the cemetery committee requested to invest earnings from the William Turner trust in a short term CD. Secondly, the town received payment from Central Maine Power in settlement of damage done to posted roads during construction

and held it for several months in a Certificate of Deposit. Board members questioned whether a specific policy was needed since state law is clear on what towns can do with investments. There followed a broad discussion of the merits, advisability or need to have a town-specific policy. A vote to adopt the policy was deferred to the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to move \$50,000 of the Will Turner Cemetery Savings account into a one-year CD. Motion carried 5-0

8. 2023 Tax foreclosures: The board reviewed the accounts of unpaid taxes on several properties. A motion was made and seconded to issue 90 day notices to owners of three properties:

Fairservice, M. 17 Hemlock Lane

Lilly, H. 480 Vigue Road

Sullivan, L. Estate of. 477 Mills Road

Motion carried 5-0. Board signed all 3 letters to be mailed by certified mail and regular mail.

9. Brent reviewed files at the town office, attended the planning board meeting and walked Hornpout Lane, but did not enter the property. There is no action for the select board at this time.

10. At 7:17pm, a motion was made to enter executive session for a personnel matter under 1 MRS 405(6)(A). Motion carried 5-0. Executive session adjourned at 7:47pm. No action was taken following the executive session.

11. Maine DOT has requested a blanket waiver on existing permanent weight limits for all town roads in order to facilitate repair/ replacement of a culvert on Cooper Road. No action taken, sent to the Road Committee for their recommendation.

12. Delta Quarterly report. Received and read. Delta responded to 50 Emergency/911 calls in the first three months of the year.

13. Fox Farm Lane - The board reviewed an estimate for regular maintenance/annual upkeep. The town's portion of this amounts to \$600. A motion was made and seconded to approve the estimate. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Correspondence: Updated RSU #12 budget was received. The District budget meeting will be held on Wednesday May 21st at 6:30 pm. The budget referendum will be Tuesday June 10th. Please remember to vote.

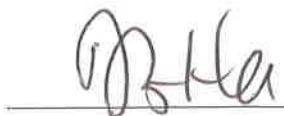
15. Mike Johnson (EMS Director) informed the board that we have been approved for a \$50,000 grant from the State of Maine's dept of public safety to train personnel and prepare for future emergencies.
16. Zoom Equipment. The town is in possession of this equipment and just needs to be set up in a suitable manner. Yolanda will be working on it next week.
17. Recycling. The town meeting approved a budget to purchase a shed to expand/augment the existing recycling building. The facilities committee is working on plans for this with the work expected to take place over the summer.
18. Other business. We are awaiting follow-up on surveys created by the Lincoln County Regional Planning Committee for the community resiliency grant program. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Bambi Jones as an alternate member to the LCRPC. Motion carried 5-0.
19. Meeting adjourned.



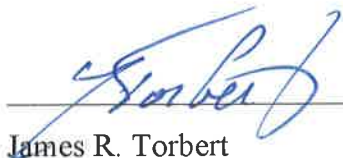
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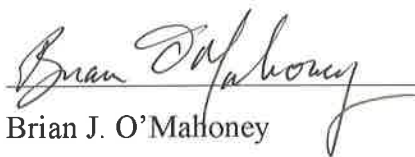
Date



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson