

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 25. Motion carried 4-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. After review of the 2025 road reconstruction and paving bids the roads committee recommended Mainely Paving. A motion was made and seconded to accept Mainely Paving's proposal. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Brent advised the board he had talked with road commissioner, Dylan Peaslee, and Dylan disclosed that he subcontracts trucks to different paving companies during the paving season, Mainely being one of them.
6. Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission representative Laura Graziano spoke to the board about services available to the town from the LCRPC, as well as 2 open seats and an alternate seat on their board that Whitefield can fill. The intent of filling the seats is to be a liaison to the selectboard and to be informed of opportunities and services available to the town if needed. In attendance were Mary Morgan and Carol Cifrino who had expressed interest and willingness to serve. The board was also informed Bambi Jones had interest but was unable to attend today's meeting. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mary Morgan and Carol Cifrino to the LCRPC board. Motion carried 5-0. Also discussed was Bambi Jones for the alternate seat if she is still interested and willing to serve.
7. Laura Graziano from LCRPC also spoke about the community resilience partnership that the board is going to be participating in. To be eligible for grant funding up to \$75,000 for climate related impacts to the community, the board needs to complete a self-assessment of actions already taken and hold a public workshop to develop a list of potential projects. Laura will assist the board with this and also has a public engagement survey that will be available in a week or so. The board agreed to have Seth be the point of contact for this project, as well as set a tentative date of June 11 at 6 pm for the public workshop.
8. 2023 tax foreclosures, Yolanda reports there are still 6 properties that have not paid. Next meeting she will have 90-day notices ready for the board to sign.

9. The cemetery committee came to the board to ask the board to rename the Noyes cemetery on Hilton Road to its original name from its founding in 1850, North Whitefield Cemetery. A motion was made and seconded to officially name the cemetery North Whitefield Cemetery. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Board assignment of committees and tasks, Junk yards all members will contribute, Seth will do facilities committee, Brent will do roads committee, Jim will do cemetery committee, E911 addressing officer, and biweekly BMV/IF&W warrant, Brian will do solid waste committee as well as board minutes, Erin will do cemetery plots and bank reconciliation.
11. The cemetery committee also had an estimate from Dylan Peaslee to remove hot top and add reclaim to the roadway within the Coopers Mills cemetery. They were waiting on another estimate and should have more information at the next meeting.
12. Yolanda reports she has talked to the lawyer about the Turner Trust and is waiting for further information.
13. Brian asked about bid pricing on projects specifically what triggers a bid proposal, and why shouldering and ditching are not bid out when we are estimating a cost of \$160,000. Discussion about the policy and past practices were discussed, and what were reasonable rates that could be charged instead of bid pricing. The board agreed to revisit the purchasing policy and update as needed.
14. The roads committee had previously been asked to consider adding 'dead end' or 'no thru traffic' signs on Weary Pond Road. The roads committee took no action, and the select board opinion was it is not a town road, and the town wasn't responsible for the signage.
15. Yolanda reports she received a letter from Dan Joslyn thanking the town office staff for excellent service.
16. Cole Transport Museum sent a letter explaining their program to fund 50% of the cost of hanging flags in town centers.
17. Yolanda presented a quit claim deed to release a lien from 1980 that had been paid and never released, it was discovered now that the property is selling. A motion was made and seconded to sign the deed to Spencer and Vera Penn. Motion carried 5-0.
18. Yolanda had an estimate from Dylan Peaslee to add septic tank risers and regrade the area in front of the town office for \$1520.00. A motion was made and seconded to have Dylan go ahead and add the risers and regrade. Motion carried 5-0.
19. The board was given a timeline of development activities on Hornpout Lane without much explanation. Brent is going to investigate and report back to the board.

20. The board was notified Adam and Amy Harkins have requested an appeal to Whitefield's abatement denial to the County Commissioners.
21. Erin asked about cameras and broadcasting the meetings. Yolanda has the equipment, and the board will discuss it at the next meeting.
22. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc

22 April 2025

Date



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson