

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2025

Present: Brent Hallowell (Vice-Chair), Erin Anderson James Torbert, Brian O'Mahoney and Yolanda Violette.
Not present: Seth Bolduc (Chair)

1. The meeting was called to order by Yolanda Violette. Selectboard chair position was filled for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to elect Seth Bolduc chair. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Selectboard vice chair position was filled for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to elect Brent Hallowell vice chair. Motion carried 4-0.
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 11. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
5. 2025 road reconstruction and paving bids were opened and reviewed, in total nine different contractors submitted bids for the work. The bids were opened and the totals were read aloud, the roads committee is going to review the bids and make a recommendation to the selectboard at the next selectboard meeting. Yolanda is going to make copies for the board, and the roads committee to review.

Bid #1: <u>Maine-ly Paving services LLC</u> , Canaan	\$1,169,227.50
Bid #2: <u>Crooker Construction LLC</u> , Topsham	\$1,412,745
Bid #3: <u>Pike Industries</u> , Fairfield	\$1,252,067.75
Bid #4: <u>All States Construction Inc.</u> , Richmond	\$1,277,902
Bid #5: <u>Northeast Paving</u> , Bangor	\$2,144,776.50
Bid #6: <u>Gendron Corporation</u> , Lewiston	\$1,360,775
Bid #7: <u>Hagar Enterprises Inc.</u> , Damariscotta	\$1,200,891
Bid #8: <u>Roundys Paving</u> , Newport	\$1,295,007
Bid #9: <u>Performance Paving Inc.</u> , Owls Head	\$1,227,918

6. Mike Johnson, EMS director spoke to the board about the Maine EMS Sustainability Grant, Mike intends to apply for the maximum of \$50,000.00 dollars, with the funds hoping to update equipment, and look at the feasibility of a community paramedicine program as well as investigating transport provider alternatives. Mike also reports membership in the first responders is rising to current totals of 3 EMTs, 1 EMR, 1 just finishing EMT licensing, and 4 currently in EMT training.
7. County Budget, Yolanda presented the board with the county tax warrant, total amount for the year \$396,289. A motion was made and seconded to sign the warrant. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Appeals board position, Charlene Donahue's 3-year term is now expired, Charlene is willing to do another term. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Charlene Donahue to a 3-year term on the appeals board. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Yolanda reports last week when she got to the office the septic tank alarm was going off, as well as the area of the tank under water from the rain and snow melt. Dylan was able to drain the water off the

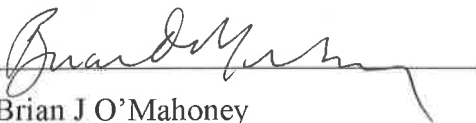
lawn so the tank could be pumped, it was then discovered the pump had failed. The pump has been replaced, Yolanda asked Dylan for a price to correct the grade in front of the office, so it doesn't flood again.

10. The board discussed town meeting and how it went, there was a suggestion of the provider agencies being given their own article, and discussion of how to provide more information before the meeting.
11. Christopher Pennock who was written in for the planning board and elected with 3 votes, accepted the position and has been sworn in.
12. The board received a letter from AK excavation, stating that they had mistakenly registered a piece of equipment that did not need to be registered. They discovered the mistake the next day and had contacted the office asking for a refund of the excise tax. The board confirmed the information with Yolanda and agreed to refund the excise tax. A motion was made and seconded to refund the excise tax. Motion carried 4-0.
13. The state road salt bid is out, and the board discussed putting in for the 400 tons as they have in the past. A motion was made and seconded to join the salt bid for 400 ton. Motion carried 4-0.
14. Yolanda presented the board with an abatement request for Shannon Barron of \$329.29, this is recommended by the assessor. A motion was made and seconded to approve the abatement for Shannon Barron for \$329.29. Motion carried 4-0.
15. Yolanda presented the board with the application for insurance renewal. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the renewal. Motion carried 4-0.
16. Yolanda presented the board with the contract for the annual audit in the amount of \$11,000.00. A motion was made and seconded to enter the contract. Motion carried 4-0.
17. Meeting adjourned

Seth A Bolduc, Chair



Brent W Hallowell, Vice Chair



Brian J O'Mahoney

4-8-2025

Date



James R Torbert



Erin E Anderson