

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), Brent Hallowell, 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 February 25. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Superintendent Howie Tuttle gave the board a presentation of the first draft RSU 12 FY 25-26 budget. Howie highlighted that Whitefield is in year number one of a five year a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant that is housed in Whitefield, and is successful, as well as talk about the RSU long- and short-term goals. Whitefield's current student count, pre-K through 12, is 298.5, and predicted to be 282 for 2026. Howie discussed how Whitefield's value has been increasing over the past few years which can affect our state subsidy negatively. This year's draft budget is up \$2,075,203.38 or 7.62%, and anticipated revenues down \$ 46,828.89. Howie did remind the board that this is the first draft and he is optimistic they can trim some. The RSU 12 District Budget Meeting will be held May 21, 2025 at the Chelsea Elementary School at 6:30 PM.
5. The cemetery committee gave a presentation of the Will Turner Cemetery Fund and asked the board to consider looking into opening the funds up to other cemeteries in need. The Board agreed to ask our legal counsel if it is possible to do so without going against the intent of the trust. Additionally, the committee is interested in exploring low risk investments for the funds currently in a savings account. The board advised that is possible once an investment policy has been approved.
6. Yolanda presented the board with an open space application for the town's property in Windsor, this would reduce our taxes to Windsor by 45%. A motion was made and seconded to apply. Motion carried 5-0.
7. The roads committee reported they held a pre bid meeting with contractors interested in this year's paving and reconstruction work. There are 9 different contractors who have either attended the meeting or been in contact with the office. In other news, the roads were posted to limit heavy loads this week.
8. Town meeting is this Saturday morning at 10 AM, Yolanda asked the board to be there at 8:30 for set up if needed.
9. A motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Yolanda as registrar of voters. Motion carried 5-0.

10. The solid waste committee has recommended to the board not to participate in the Hatch Hill hazardous waste take back day. The board agreed and will not be participating.
11. Brian gave an update on the fiber installation going on in town, they should be done in the next couple of months.
12. Meeting adjourned

Seth A Bolduc

March 25, 2025
Date

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