

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 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 January 28. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Yolanda introduced Garrett Berry to the board, Garrett will be doing the snow shoveling at the town office and fire station for the remainder of the winter.
5. Dennis Merrill representing the roads committee spoke about the bid proposal for road paving and reconstruction this year. This year's project includes reclamation of 1.4 miles of Townhouse Road as well as paving on Townhouse Road, Vigue Road, Palmer Road, South Howe Road, Devine Road, and Philbrick Lane. Brent asked the board to consider the possibility of closing Townhouse Road at times during the rebuilding if doing so would save time and money during the project. There will be a pre-bid meeting March 11, at 10 AM at the Central Fire Station, Bids will be due March 25 at 3 PM. A motion was made and seconded to put the bid proposal out after correction of a couple of language edits. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Dennis also spoke with the board about the importance of considering hiring an independent appraiser to appraise the new power lines to be sure the town is getting the correct assessment for them.
7. Yolanda presented the board with the warrant for the upcoming annual town meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the warrant. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Yolanda presented the board with the updated Tax Acquired Property Policy. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Yolanda presented the board with an updated Treasurer Disbursement Policy, this needed to be updated to add Brian. A motion was made and seconded to update the policy. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Yolanda reported to the board that the town forecloses on 2023 taxes on Feb 14. To date there are 9 properties facing foreclosure.
11. The board was presented with an abatement to Karen Mitman in the amount of \$343.39 for combining lots. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Jennifer Grady presented the board with information she has collected about the Weary Pond Road, in hopes of an opportunity for there to be a public meeting on the roads closure by the property owners. Jennifer and other residents of the road expressed concern the closure is confusing to travelers, could impede emergency services if needed, as well as the historical significance of the road. Seth will follow up with the Fire Chief to ensure that emergency services know how to access all residents on the road. The towns legal counsel 3 years ago advised the town had no standing in the dispute over the road, and advised that it would be costly and uncertain if the town were to get involved.
13. Whitefield library and the Kings Mills Union Hall have asked for space at town meeting to sell goods and the board will allow it.
14. Delta ambulance has confirmed their rate increase this year and has offered a 5% discount on our coverage fee if we pay in full on the first bill.
15. The Cemetery committee has asked to speak with the board at the next meeting.
16. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A Bolduc, Chair



Date



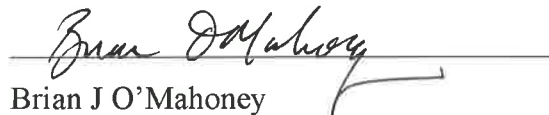
Keith D Sanborn, Vice Chair



Brent W Hallowell



James R Torbert



Brian J O'Mahoney