

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), Brent Hallowell, James Torbert, 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 December 10. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Yolanda reports the CD documents with Kennebec Savings Bank has been signed with an effective date of 12/19/24 for 6 months, estimated interest will be \$28,700.
5. The Fire Department Auxiliary has asked who makes the call when to open a warming center at the fire department. The board considers this something the fire chief should do. The board asked Yolanda to invite the fire chief to a meeting to discuss.
6. Yolanda reports 2023 tax liens are foreclosing on Feb 14. There are 20 accounts to date. Notices will be mailed around January 2, 2025.
7. The board continued work on the FY 2025-2026 budget
 - A. Admin Personnel budget, a motion was made and seconded to propose admin personnel budget of \$259,660.00. Motion carried 4-0.
 - B. Admin general budget, Yolanda reported to the board she got pricing to include 2 fire department computers to the computer support line, and the tax map update pricing. A motion was made and seconded to propose admin general budget of \$136,939.00. Motion carried 4-0.
 - C. The board revisited facilities maintenance budget, the board discussed reducing the scope of the painting project for the fire department interior, and reducing that line from \$11,000.00 to \$5,000.00. A motion was made and seconded to reduce to the facilities maintenance budget to \$53,950.00. Motion carried 4-0.
 - D. Roads budget, Keith explained the wages line is correct. A motion was made and seconded to propose a roads budget of \$446,025.00. Motion carried 4-0.
 - E. The board revisited the grader/road equipment maintenance budget, a motion was made and seconded to increase from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.
 - F. Outside organizations, the board reviewed the requests from, Maine General Hospice asking for \$1,137.00; New Hope Midcoast asking for \$640.00, Spectrum Generations asking for \$1,200.00, Young at Heart asking for \$175.00, Healthy Kids asking for \$1,000.00, Life Flight asking for \$602.00, and Midcoast Conservancy asking for \$2,000.00. A motion was made and seconded to

propose each outside organization as requested. Motion carried 4-0. The total outside organizations budget is \$6,754.00.

G. Whitefield Library, a motion was made and seconded to propose to the Whitefield Library \$20,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Whitefield Food Bank, a motion was made and seconded to propose to the Whitefield Food Bank \$3,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Total Budget FY 25-26 \$1,804,337.00, a decrease of \$101,160.00 from FY 24-25. The board discussed undesignated funds to reduce the tax rate, the board asked Yolanda to reach out to RSU 12, and the county to see if they can give some guidance on these budget figures. No decision at this time for revenues.

8. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert