

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2024

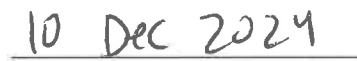
Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), Brent Hallowell, and Yolanda Violette. Not present: James Torbert

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 19. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. The board reviewed the proposed ACO contract between the town of Whitefield and Lincoln County. A motion was made and seconded to enter into the agreement with Lincoln County to provide animal control services to Whitefield for 2025. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Yolanda presented the Board with 3 corrections that need to be made to abatements approved last meeting. The corrections change the taxable value from \$1,204,100.00 to \$1,175,400.00, and the tax abated from \$12,125.29 to \$11,836.28. A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrections. Motion carried 3-0.
6. The Board discussed the new Family Medical Leave Law in Maine, beginning on January 1, 2025 depending on the number of employees, the employer, and/or the employee will need to contribute .5% or 1% of wages. Yolanda is going to follow the formular given by the state to determine which percentage we will be responsible for. A motion was made and seconded to have the town cover the cost, not the employee from January until the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Yolanda presented the Board with a preliminary budget to consider. A suggestion made by the Board, increase the cost-of-living increase to 3.5%, Seth is working on salary comparisons with neighboring communities, consider repainting public areas of the fire station, Keith asked to consider adding space at the recycling center to expand the swap shop, Keith will look more into that. The roads budget had not been included in the budget yet, but is now available. Yolanda reports she has received the check from the CMP settlement, Yolanda is going to check with the lawyer to see if expending the funds needs to be voted on, the intent of the funds is to repair road damage and would be applied to the roads budget. The Board also added \$1,500.00 to selectboard to hire a minute taker for selectboard meetings.
8. Yolanda has been reaching out to Budget committee members to see if they are still able to serve, she is looking for a couple more people to add the group.

9. Fire department auxiliary, the board will be buying a key lockbox for them to be mounted on the firehouse so that they have access to the building, as well as getting a list of members and their leadership.
10. The board received letters from 2 different Clary Lake property owners, David and Gail Hillstrom, and Adam and Amy Harkins, asking for reconsideration of the property values.
11. There is a special town meeting December 5, 6pm at the fire station, to appropriate remaining AAPA funds.
12. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Brent W. Hallowell



James R. Torbert