

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), James Torbert, Brent Hallowell, 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 November 5. Motion carried 3-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Seth opened a public hearing for review and public comment on the application for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit from Paul Pinette for his property at 135 Augusta Road. After review by the Board and no public comment, the public hearing closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Seth spoke with the board about forming a Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Currently there is an unofficial group forming with the goal of providing support to the department. The board recognized the benefit of the group to the department. A motion was made and seconded to recognize the Whitefield Fire Department Auxiliary as a town committee, charged to provide support to the fire department and its members, coordinating needs with the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, or their designees. Support may include providing refreshments during emergency and training events, promoting the department with outreach and recruitment events, applying for grants, and staffing the fire department warming center as needed. Motion carried 4-0.
6. The E911 addressing officer position needed reassigning after Joshua Leard's departure from the board. A motion was made and seconded to appoint James Torbert to the position. Motion carried 4-0.
7. The painting project of the Town Office interior that happened over Veterans Day weekend went well, Yolanda reports there is a small amount of work that needs to be completed by the painting contractor, Yolanda will coordinate.
8. Yolanda reported to the board that election day was busy and went well with 911 in-person voters and 586 absentee voters.
9. Yolanda presented the board with a warrant to sign for the special town meeting to be held December 5, asking to spend remaining AAPA funds, \$ 9,822.00, on fire/EMS gear. A motion was made and seconded to sign the warrant. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Yolanda presented the board with a warrant to sign for a special election to be held January 17, 2025 from 3–7pm to fill the remainder of the Select Board term recently vacated. A motion was made and seconded to sign the warrant. Motion carried 4-0.
11. Yolanda reported to the board that Brian O'Mahoney was the only person to take out and return nomination papers, which were accepted and approved with the required # of registered voters.
12. The board had received the settlement letter from CMP for the road damages, the board reviewed the letter and agreed it was OK for Yolanda to sign on the board's behalf.
13. The board was presented with abatements for tax year 24/25, total assessment value of \$1,204,100.00 with a tax value of \$12,125.29. A motion was made and seconded to approve the abatements. Motion carried 4-0.
14. The board received a director's report from the Whitefield library.
15. The board received a letter from Delta Ambulance reporting they have received grant funding from MaineGeneral, as well as setting the rate for all the communities they serve at \$35 per capita, to stabilize financially in 2025.
16. The board received a letter from Pat Parks on the Doyle Road, to thank Dylan Peaslee and the roads committee for great work done this year on the Doyle Road.
17. Maine DOT will be putting out to bid a culvert replacement project on route 194 near the Pittston line with work to be completed this summer.
18. Yolanda reports we will need someone to do the snow shoveling at the town office, firehouse, and recycling, Yolanda will post the position.
19. Yolanda presented the board the 2025 holiday calendar.
20. MMA has reported there will be a 9% increase in health insurance costs next year.
21. Keith reports the roads committee is working on a paving and budget plan for next year.
22. The board will be the contact for the Community Resilience Partnership.
23. Yolanda will be out of the office Thursday and Friday of the week.
24. Local Boy Scout Daniel Bickford, working on a merit badge, spoke to the board and asked some questions about government and service.
25. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Brent W. Hallowell


James R. Torbert