

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 8. Motion carried 3-0-1
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Laura Graziano representing Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission, spoke to the board about being a participant in the Community Resilience Partnership. This is an enrollment-based partnership through the state climate action plan, Maine Won't Wait, intended to help communities fund emission and climate impact projects. With federal and state funding the grants can be up to \$50,000. Steps of enrollment are providing a letter of support, complete a self-assessment of the partnership's 72 actions, hold a public hearing, and complete the Community Resilience Partnership application. Laura is going to provide a sample letter of support for the Board to sign next meeting.
5. Troy Thibodeau, Katie Yates, Justin Tribbet, and Nick Acorn representing CMP, as well as Lionel Cayer, town engineer, were in attendance to review and discuss an offer made by CMP to resolve road damage settlement. CMP has agreed to concede to the towns position on Philbrook Road, and Vigue Road, they feel strongly their position on Townhouse Road is correct. CMP proposes a new settlement amount of \$1,096,105.74 as well as a 4% cost escalation of \$43,844.23, for a total of \$1,139,949.97. Lionel, CMP, and the Board agreed this was a fair amount. CMP agreed to have a settlement agreement and funds as soon as possible. CMP representatives thanked the town for their support during construction. A motion was made and seconded to settle with CMP for \$1,139,949.97. Motion carried 4-0.
6. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Yolanda Violette to sign the settlement agreement letter, once received, on the board's behalf. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Yolanda presented the board 1st quarter expense, revenue, and general ledger summary reports.
8. The board received the Whitefield Library monthly report.
9. The board received Delta Ambulance 1st quarter report of the number of calls to Whitefield.

10. The board asked Yolanda to research and contact some local banks to find out CD rates or other options for the settlement money until it is spent.
11. A motion was made and seconded to set December 5, 2024 as a special town meeting, to appropriate the remainder of the ARPA funds. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Yolanda reports she is waiting to hear from the town attorney about next steps in disposing of tax acquired property on the Townhouse Road. The board agreed to hold any action until we hear from the attorney.
13. Yolanda reports she spoke with Joshua and he is going to get to her a first draft of the Public Safety Policy he had been working on.
14. A motion was made and seconded to hire AK Lawn and Landscape to perform fall cleanup around the town office, as well as some brush cutting for \$1,080.00. Motion carried 4-0.
15. Town office painting is scheduled for a Veteran's Day weekend, Yolanda will need people to open and close the office for the painters over the weekend.
16. Meeting adjourned.

Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Brent W. Hallowell

Nov. 5, 2024

Date



James R. Torbert