

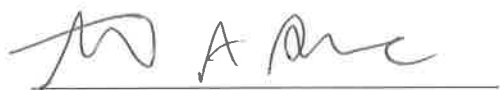
Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), James Torbert, Brent Hallowell, Joshua Leard 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 August 27. Motion carried 4-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Revaluation update, Rob Duplisea of RJD Appraisal, spoke to the board to give an update on the revaluation. He reports his team addressed 231 properties or 13% of properties. As a result of these meetings corrections that needed to be made resulted in approximately a \$6 million reduction in total valuation. When asked how the powerline was valued, Rob reported that it is valued at \$6,000 an acre and CMP self-reports \$517,000 a mile for the high-tension lines. The board discussed hiring an independent appraiser to confirm CMP's self-declared value is appropriate. Rob asked the Board their opinion on continuing to honor late homestead exemptions and combining lot applications, the board agreed to continue doing so.
5. A motion was made and seconded to set the mil rate at \$10.07 per \$1,000. Motion carried 4-1.
6. A motion was made seconded to enter into Executive Session-Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A). Motion carried 5-0. Entered at 6:30, Exited at 7:02.
7. A motion was made and seconded to create a new Public Safety Policy. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Yolanda reports she has talked to the assessor in Windsor and a favorable adjustment has been made in the value of the town's property. The value has dropped from \$30,000 to \$18,700 dollars, and Yolanda is continuing to research an open space exemption.
9. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$3,000 on the shed roof located on Balltown Lane with the funds to come from facilities budget. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Roads, Keith reports the roads committee is going to be doing a survey of road signs soon, checking that signs are present and not damaged. Yolanda is going to get the roads committee an updated map showing new named roads. The Doyle Road rebuild project is almost complete as well. Kieth reports Lionel has met with and inspected Townhouse Road, Vigue Road, and Philbrook Lane with CMPs engineer, and Lionel believes they are in agreement on the damage. We are still waiting for CMPs

engineering report that should be available soon. The Board has asked CMP and their engineer to be in attendance at the next selectboard meeting to discuss how CMP hopes to resolve this issue.

11. The Board received a letter from Jacob Abbott expressing concern on the lack of cell coverage in the Kings Mills area. Keith will follow up with Jake.
12. The Whitefield Library sent a letter of thanks to the town for a recent \$20,000 donation made by the taxpayers.
13. The Board received their notice from the County of the upcoming caucus of municipal officers of district three to elect a member to the County Budget Advisory Committee to be held September 19, 2024 at 3 PM at the court house.
14. Yolanda reports the town recently received a bill from Milton Cat for repairs to the grader this spring. Milton Cat advised an error on their end led to the late bill, the bill is for \$2,257.12, Yolanda is going to ask Dylan to verify the bill.
15. A motion was made and seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Joshua Leard from the Select Board effective January 15, 2025. Motion carried 4-0-1. The Board will take up how to proceed on filling vacant seat at the next meeting.
16. The Executive Session – Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) was NOT held.
17. November 5 Select Board Meeting will be held at the Town Office due to the polls being open 8 am – 8 pm for Election Day, State General Presidential / Referendum Election.
18. Public Access water spigot was leaking badly, this was reported to the town office on September 3. Yolanda reached a local plumber who was able to replace the spigot and install a shutoff valve in the select board/election storage room on September 5. Water had to be shut off temporarily for those two days.
19. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair

24 Sep 2024

Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Joshua T. Leard



James R. Torbert



Brent W. Hallowell