

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Keith Sanborn (Vice-Chair), James Torbert, and Brent Hallowell. Not Present: 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 13. Motion carried 3-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Revaluation update, Rob Duplisea and Zeb Pike of RJD Appraisal, spoke to the board to give an update on the revaluation. They reported notices went out and they are booked this week with hearings and will need to extend into next week. Rob explained more of the process on how data was collected, he had used sales data from the past three years, and talked about how much values had increased since the last revaluation in 2010. When asked by the board if homes had much larger value increases than undeveloped land, Rob agreed with that observation. Clary Lake resident George Fergusson questioned the tax increase, Rob explained Clary Lake property was undervalued and now is correct.
5. A resident on Stone House Court (off Vigue Road), Christopher Monroe, attended to speak with the board regarding RJD appraisals, and his concern over the revaluation process. Chris spoke to the lack of information available to him before his hearing, RJD not being able to provide evidence of a visit to his property, and a general concern that RJD was not fulfilling the contract they have with the town. He suggested the town take some action to correct this. The board understood his concerns, but also pointed out that it is too late to make substantial changes to the process.
6. A motion was made and seconded to accept a bid proposal from Ed Howe of Sheepscot Sound and Solar to install a 10,000 kWh 12 panel solar system on the sand and salt shed. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Jim reports he had inspected the damaged sign at the school. He and the principal agreed it is damaged beyond repair and the school will dispose of the sign.
8. Roads, Keith reports that on August 29th at 9:30 am he will be meeting with CMP representatives, their engineer, Road Commissioner Dylan Peaslee, and town engineer Lionel Cayer to discuss damages and remedies to Townhouse and Vigue roads. The Board also discussed no longer allowing power line construction through trucks exceeding the weight limit to use the roads, the Board agreed and Keith will relay the message when they meet.

9. A motion was made and seconded to sign a plow and sand contract with Wayne Mullens for the town's portion of Fox Farm Lane, total cost for 2024/25 plow season is \$760.00. Motion carried 4-0.
10. The interior of the town office will be painted over Veteran's Day weekend in November. The board approved closing the office to the public on November 12 to get all the spaces put back together after the painting.
11. The town received a revaluation letter from the Town of Windsor advising that the value of town owned property in Windsor will be increasing from \$30,000 to \$46,000. The board discussed the tax and whereas the town owned property straddles the town line, and is public land open for public use, if we can be exempt from tax. The Board will ask Yolanda to follow up.
12. A motion was made seconded to enter into Executive Session-Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A). Motion carried 4-0. Entered at 7:21, Exited at 7:50.
13. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session-Personnel Matter Title 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A). Motion carried 4-0. Entered at 7:51 Exited at 7:58.
14. Meeting adjourned.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Keith D. Sanborn, Vice Chair



Joshua T. Leard



James R. Torbert



Brent W. Hallowell