

**Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
13 August 2024**

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Seth Bolduc.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 30 July 2024 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. Chris Mitchell from Delta gave an update to the Select Board. Delta may have secured a grant to help the start up costs associated with a 'fly car' program. More negotiation is required in order to secure a vehicle storage area and employment for the driver of this vehicle. Delta is working with Sheepscot Valley Health Center to share the cost of an employee.
5. Richard Beausoleil updated the Select Board that there would be a training event on Thursday 29 August 2024 at the Central Fire Station with the local Army National Guard. The training will demonstrate the Whitefield Communication Team's capabilities during emergencies.
6. A motion was made and seconded to award the painting contract to Parks for Painting. Motion carried 4-0.
7. A motion was made and seconded to award the IT contract to ComDoctor. Motion carried 4-0.
8. A motion was made and seconded to accept a bid delivered to the wrong address by Seek Joy Sound and Solar. Motion carried 4-0. This bid, along with one from Sundog solar were opened and found to be complete. Seth will do more research into the pros and cons of each bid submitted.
9. Tax Collector Update:
 - A. Fifty-five (55) liens were recorded at the registry of deeds August 13th totaling \$62,139.
 - B. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to sign a quitclaim deed returning property to Clifford Wilson who has paid in full. Motion carried 4-0.
 - C. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to sign a quitclaim deed returning property to Robert Brann Jr heirs. who has paid in full. Motion carried 4-0.
10. Roads Update:
 - A. CMP offered the town 2500 yards of used gravel. The Select Board rejected this offer considering the lack of storage space and cost required to clean it from foreign matter to make it usable.
 - B. The culvert on Townhouse Rd near Philbrick Ln still needs repairs. The roads committee is scheduling this.
 - C. The middle portion of Hunts Meadow Road has a washout; the road commissioner is planning a repair quote.
 - D. Three sections of Doyle Road require repair totaling \$90,000. Keith believes the current budget is enough to handle this project internally with the road commissioner.
 - E. CMP submitted their before and after roads video as it relates to the repair negotiations today August 13. Yolanda will provide a copy to Lionel Cayer.

11. Correspondences:

- A. Whitefield Elementary School principal Mark Deblois informed the town the front sign is damaged beyond repair, and that the sign is town property. Jim will review and determine if the sign is worth saving.
- B. The town of Windsor sent another notice to all adjacent landowners regarding the upcoming solar farm being considered off Rt 17.

12. OTHER:

- A. The property revaluation letters went out Monday August 12th. Every property owner is encouraged to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the tax assessor to review the new values.
- B. Tax Commitment is scheduled for September 10th, tax bills will be mailed out shortly after.

13. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session under 1 MRS §405(6)(A). Motion carried 4-0. No decision was made following executive session.

14. The next Select Board meeting will be 27 August 2024.

15. Meeting adjourned.


Seth A Bolduc, Chair

27 Aug 2024
Date


Keith D Sanborn, Vice Chair

Joshua T. Leard


James R Torbert

Brent W Hallowell