

**Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
27 February 2024**

Present: Lester Sheaffer (Chair), Seth Bolduc (Vice-Chair), Keith Sanborn, Jim Torbert, Joshua Leard and Yolanda Violette

1. The meeting was called to order by Lester Sheaffer.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 13 February minutes. Motion carried 4-0-1.
3. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were approved and signed.
4. DELTA/CMVFD Update: Delta has decided to postpone any future negotiations with the Town of Whitefield for 12 months.
5. Trails Committee (David Wright): An update was given to the Select Board that membership on the trails committee has been dwindling. Mr. Wright also confirmed the process for how the trails committee can request/secure funding for ongoing projects.
6. Robin Ouelette- Safety Plan: Robin did not appear before the board.
7. Roads- Posted Roads:
 - (1) We do not have a letter of commitment from CMP regarding their promise to protect Whitefield's roads from accidental damage.
 - (2) A draft permit was created by Yolanda for trucks to use weight restricted roads. Additional information is needed before the permits are ready for distribution.
 - (3) A recording of all public Whitefield roads, going back to 2013, is under construction by the Roads Committee. This will be a consolidated recording of repairs moving forward.
8. Treasurer Report- 2022 RE Tax Liens Foreclosed 2.10.2024:
 - (1) There were 11 Whitefield residents foreclosed on. Two foreclosed owners have appeared to pay, the remainder will be sent a final reminder.
 - (2) Robert Brann has fallen behind on his tax payment plan for property account 1726. The Select Board will send a letter stating that he has 60 days to catch up on all missed payments, otherwise the Town will sell the land.
9. Town Meeting March 16th- Assignment of Articles:
 - (1) Each article was assigned to a specific Select Board Member which will handle questions on the day of the meeting. The board member should research and prepare their assigned topic(s).
 - (2) Article 24 was renamed to Midcoast Humane Society and Hatch Hill. The board signed an updated warrant.
10. Household Hazardous Waste May 11th 2024: Hatch Hill has their annual household hazardous waste day. It is optional, but Hatch Hill will cover the advertising fees local set up fees. Each resident who uses this disposal service will be charged \$31.50 per 'unit'. The board agreed to participate as long as there is no cost to the town.

11. Correspondences:

- (1) We are waiting for information as to our portion of the Lincoln County Budget. There was an increase of 8.99 percent from last year.
- (2) The County received ARPA funds, some of these (i.e., EMT training funds) might be accessible to Whitefield residents.
- (3) The exterior Fire Station locks are scheduled to be replaced. Yolanda is meeting with the locksmith next week.

12. Other:

- (1) Presidential Primary 3.5.2024: Just a reminder the State Presidential Primary polls will take place at the Whitefield Fire Department. Polls will be open 8am-8pm.
- (2) Because Delta has decided to postpone their Whitefield expansion, the Select Board needs revise their explanations for ARPA distribution.
- (3) Because Whitefield is donating a substantial portion of the library's annual budget; it was discussed that the Select Board should have representation on the library's board.
- (4) The fire department has expressed an interest in an auxiliary membership program.
- (5) Jesse Barton is available at the next meeting to renew his Fire Chief appointment.
- (6) Yolanda rescheduled the installation of the parking lot light for March 25th, 2024.
- (7) The FYE 6.30.24 pre-audit date will take place on 5/23/2024. This audit will take place in person at the Town Office.

13. A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter under Title 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A). Following the Executive Session; a motion was made and seconded to have Joshua Leard represent the Select Board at a workers compensation meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Meeting adjourned.



Lester E Sheaffer Jr, Chair

12 March 2024

Date



Seth A Bolduc, Vice Chair

Keith D Sanborn



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