

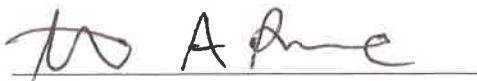
Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026

Present: Seth Bolduc (Chair), Brent Hallowell (Vice-Chair), José Ambriz, Erin Anderson, Brian O'Mahoney, and Yolanda Violette.

1. Mr. Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. Motion and second to approve the April 21 meeting minutes carried 5-0.
3. Approved and signed the Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants.
4. FYE '25 Audit Review – Heather Hunter, of RHR Smith, attended via Zoom to review the audit. The Town received a clean audit opinion, the highest opinion one can receive. Motion and second to sign an engagement letter for FYE '26 carried 5-0.
5. Community Action Grant RFPs – The money from the grant has been received, \$34,822.06, and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are prepared for two projects, a heat pump for the meeting room at the Central Fire Station and the solar expansion on the sand shed. Motion and second to approve the RFPs for the heat pump and solar expansion carried 5-0.
6. On Premise Beer & Wine License Renewal – Sheepscot General requires an annual renewal for their license. Motion and second to approve the renewal of Sheepscot General's On Premise Beer & Wine License carried 5-0.
7. Treasurer's Report – The fiscal year ends on June 30. Some last-minute expenditures and adjustments remain but the budget is reported to be in good shape.
8. Will Turner Coopers Mills Cemetery CDAR – The CDAR expires on May 14, 2026. No major projects are anticipated that would require any portion of the invested funds, estimated to total \$51,559.97. Motion and second to reinvest the original \$50,000.00 in addition to all earned interest in a 52-week CDAR carried 5-0.
9. Wells Scholarship Fund – The scholarship fund has traditionally been invested in a three-year CDAR. Investing in a two-year CDAR would result in a much more advantageous interest rate of 2.47%. Motion and second to reinvest the balance in a two-year CDAR carried 5-0.
10. Tax Collector's Report – Tax payments have flowed in steadily over the last week. The due date for the second half was May 1. Three hundred fifty one Accounts are still outstanding totaling \$370,040.87. Twenty-Three accounts remain outstanding from the 2025 tax year, totaling \$26,485.66.
11. Roads – The beaver expert from Vermont has still not consulted on the Town of Whitefield's beaver problem. The Roads Committee would like to purchase 20 rolls of fabric to hedge against rising costs. The Roads Committee wondered if it would be better to ask companies to bid their day rates for tree

removal rather than bidding on the removal of specific trees. Mr. Hallowell will discuss the idea further with the Roads Committee.

12. Town Office Entry Roofs – One of the entries has had the trim installed by Mr. Ambriz and awaits finishing touches. The other entryway has not been started as, due to other commitments, Mr. Ambriz will not be able to complete the work until later in the year and as such will investigate getting quotes from other carpenters to do the job in a timely manner.
13. Boston Post Cane – Mr. Bolduc presented the Boston Post Cane to Evelyn Joslyn. Ms. Joslyn was reportedly very pleased to receive the cane at 97 years of age.
14. The Select Board received a thank you card from the Kings Mills Union Hall for the letter of recommendation for their ASK Grant application. Which resulted in K MUHA receiving the grant.
15. The Roads Committee received a letter from Secretary of State Shenna Bellows recognizing them as recipients of the Spirit of America Award in 2025.
16. Account 1160 was removed from the Tree Growth Tax Program resulting in a Supplemental Warrant for a \$15,666.63 tax penalty. Motion and second to approve and sign the Supplemental Warrant carried 5-0.
17. The Kings Mills Volunteer Fire Department Association has requested the Town sponsor the Fourth of July Parade. Yolanda to request a point of contact. Board supports the request.
18. Fuzzy Udder has submitted invoices totaling \$18,324 for reimbursement from their Community Development Block Grant funds.
19. Veterans Memorial – Bushes were killed during the poison ivy remediation. Quotes will need to be gathered for replacement.
20. Parking Lot – Excessive amounts of sand are spread across the parking lot over the winter resulting in buildup on areas that the Town has paid to have seeded. Discussion will be had with the plow contractor to find a way to spread thinner amounts to help lessen this issue.
21. Motion and second to adjourn carried 5-0.



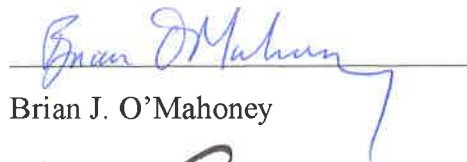
Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



Date



Brent W. Hallowell, Vice-Chair



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson



José Ambriz