

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 30, 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 June 16 meeting minutes carried 4-0.
3. Approved and signed the Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants.
4. Solar Request for Proposal – One bid was received and opened, from MEPS for a 12-panel installation for \$18,250.00. Decision will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board.
5. Heat Pump Request for Proposal – One bid was received and opened, from Dow Industries to install a Fujitsu heat pump at the Central Fire Station in the meeting room for \$5,700.00. Decision will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board. Seth will contact Dow for a price on a Mitsubishi brand heat pump.
6. USDA Rural Business Development Grant – Sean Harrington of Coopers Mills Inc (aka Swallowtail Farm) presented a proposal to the Select Board for the Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The RDBG requires a nonprofit or municipality to act as the applicant. Under this proposal, the Town of Whitefield would apply for money from the grant to purchase manufacturing equipment that would then be leased by Coopers Mills Inc. to produce dietary supplements. The grant application is for \$65,000, \$45,000 for equipment, \$15,000 for technical support and \$5,000 for administrative fees. Coopers Mills Inc. produces acid whey as a byproduct of the yogurt it manufactures under the Swallowtail Farm name. The acid whey, according to Coopers Mills Inc, could be used to produce dietary supplements and meat tenderizer/brine as a way of reducing waste and generating additional income. The Town, as owners of the equipment, would be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment using the money paid to the Town by Coopers Mills Inc. as part of the lease over the course of a predetermined depreciation period of 7-10 years. At the end of the depreciation period of 7-10 years the equipment could be sold by the Town. If the grant is awarded, a lease agreement between the Town and Coopers Mills Inc will need to be negotiated. The deadline to apply for the RDBG was June 30 before the Select Board meeting, and as such the application was submitted and now requires the Select Board to express support for the proposal for it to be considered. Before the grant can be awarded, the Town of Whitefield needs to approve accepting the funds through a Special Town Meeting. Motion and second move forward with putting the matter before the Town of Whitefield's legislative body carried 5-0.

7. A Special Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 28th at 5:45 PM to decide on the USDA RDBG application. Warrant to be approved and signed at the next select board meeting.
8. Roads - Mr. O'Mahoney attended a meeting of the Roads Committee where a State of Maine Biologist consulted on the beaver issue. The biologist will design a beaver deceiver partially funded by the USDA. The beaver deceiver would have an estimated cost of \$1,886.76 plus the supplies the town already has on hand. Motion and second to enter an agreement with USDA for the beaver deceiver carried 5-0.
9. Winter Road Salt 2026-27 – The contract for road salt was awarded to New England Salt at \$83.10 per ton. Motion and second to accept the winter road salt rate of \$83.10 for 2026-27 carried 5-0.
10. CDARs – the road maintenance and undesignated fund CDARs will mature on Thursday July 9. The undesignated funds CDAR totals \$513,054.48 while the road maintenance CDAR totals \$289,578.59.
 1. Motion and second to reinvest the undesignated fund CDAR for 26 weeks with an interest rate of 3.5% carried 5-0.
 2. Motion and second to allow the road maintenance CDAR to mature carried 5-0. Total interest earned in the 26 weeks will be \$4581.51.
11. Vote for the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee. Motion and second to vote for Daniel Hunter, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Damariscotta Select Board, and Tor Glendinning, member of the Select Board for Newcastle, carried 5-0.
12. Landscaping at the memorial located at the town office will begin on July 10.
13. Work will begin on the entryway roof at the town office.
14. The new server for the town office has been ordered at a cost of \$8,599 plus setup costs.
15. Minor corrections were required to the pay increases that had been approved at a previous meeting. Motion and second to approve the corrections carried 5-0.
16. An Automobile Recycling Permit Application has been submitted and will require a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for July 14 at 6:00 pm.
17. A complaint was made by a resident on Doyle Road about office furniture that had been dumped on the side of the road. The resident will be informed that the town will not bear the responsibility of picking up trash from the side of their roads.
18. Volunteers at the Whitefield Food Pantry complained that there is not enough room in the recycling bins for their cardboard. Corrugated cardboard may be dumped in the mixed paper bin, provided it is segregated.

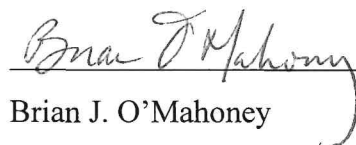
19. The doors at the Whitefield Historical Society building have rotted to an unacceptable degree. Mr. Ambriz will get a quote for the necessary materials.
20. Motion and second to adjourn carried 5-0.



Seth A. Bolduc, Chair

14 July 2026

Date



Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson

José Ambriz