

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026

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

Not present: Brent Hallowell

1. Mr. Bolduc called the meeting to order.
2. Motion and second to approve the June 30 meeting minutes carried 3-0.
3. At 6:02 pm Mr. Bolduc opened a public hearing for an Automobile Recycling Business Permit at 6 East River Road (026-003). Malcolm Burson, a summer resident and member of the Clary Lake Association, shared concerns about compliance with MRS Titles 30 and 38. Jennifer Grady, Chair of the Town of Whitefield Planning Board, reported that the Planning Board reviewed and approved the Development Application for the property with no issues in regard to the storage of used parts and fluids. Applicants Mohammed and Kasim Alalloush, of Bro's Auto Sales, stated their intention not to store parts or used fluids outdoors. They will properly dispose of all fluids and materials according to state regulations. Mr. Bolduc closed the public hearing at 6:08.
4. Automobile Recycling Business Permit – The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has stated, in a letter, that the proposed number of salvage title vehicles to be stored on the premise does not present a concern for them. The yard area where salvage title vehicles are stored must be 300ft from a public or private well, which the applicants claim to meet based on their own measurements. The measurements provided by the applicants were not to scale on the application. Motion and second to request the Code Enforcement Officer take measurements to confirm distances to surrounding wells carried 3-1.
5. Solar Request for Proposal (RFP) – The bidder can add additional panels to use up the grant money awarded for the project. Motion and second to award the contract for the installation the 12 panels presented on the bid and additional solar panels for up to \$21,000 to MEPS carried 4-0.
6. Heat Pump RFP – Installing a Mitsubishi heat pump instead of a Fujitsu would cost more but still be within the amount awarded through the grant. Motion and second to award the contract for the installation of a Mitsubishi heat pump in the Central Fire Station meeting room to Dow Industries carried 4-0.
7. Mr. Bolduc will be meeting with MEPS on Friday to discuss the solar installation. He will also be submitting the next quarterly report for the Community Action Grant, no expenses reported.
8. Roads – Paving will begin in coming weeks, roadside brush clearing at the end of July or early August, striping had been completed on Wednesday July 8 with roadside mowing to begin on Thursday July 16.

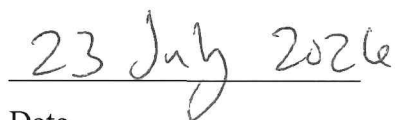
9. Tree Work RFP – The Roads Committee would like to be able to solicit bids for contractors to do tree work on an as needed basis. Due to the difficulty in putting together such a request, an alternative could be for the committee to compile an annual plan and solicit bids on the desired work every year.
10. USDA RBDG – Since the last discussion on the topic it has been clarified that the town would in fact be purchasing the equipment using taxpayer funds and be reimbursed by the USDA RDBG. Concerns regarding the town's ownership of a piece of niche manufacturing equipment and the benefit to the public remain. Motion and second to move forward with calling a Special Town Meeting fails 2-1-1. To pass, a motion must have a majority of those present voting in favor.
11. Whitefield Historical Society Doors – The current doors are in disrepair and need to be replaced. The Historical Society will be asked for their input on replacing the doors.
12. Annual Evaluations – Dylan Peaslee recently had an evaluation and as such will not be receiving another evaluation at this time. This will allow the evaluation to get on the same cycle with all other evaluations. The current appointment expires in September, and the reappointment will be confirmed at a meeting in September. Annual evaluations will be held around this time in the future.
13. Annual Evaluations – Yolanda Violette will undergo her evaluation on August 11, Jesse Barton on August 25, Mike Johnson on September 8 and Julianna Elder on September 22. All dates are tentative till availability is confirmed from each.
14. Mr. Bolduc, Mr. O'Mahoney and Ms. Anderson will not be able to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board. Since a quorum will not be present, the meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday July 23. Motion and second to authorize Mr. Ambriz to sign the warrants July 28 carried 4-0.
15. An application was received for a Liquor License - Qualified Catering Permit. The permit is for a one-day corporate barbeque on July 24. Motion and second to approve the Qualified Catering Permit for July 24 carried 4-0.
16. FYE 6.30.2026 audit - the auditor will be in the office in the second week of August (11-13). An entrance meeting will be held on July 16.
17. The Veteran Memorial has been completed, new plants have been planted, new fabric and mulch has been laid down. A good amount of mulch remains, the town will seek volunteers to pull weeds and sapling within the back row of cedars and spread the remaining mulch.
18. The Whitefield Fire Department has received a fire danger sign. Jesse would like to install along Townhouse Road facing Grand Army Road. Board sees no issues.
19. The beaver deceiver is planned to be installed by the end of the month on Hollywood Boulevard. Yolanda will contact USDA agent Ben Nugent to confirm install date.

20. Mr. Ambriz has ordered and will pick up the flashing at Whitefield Metal Sales on Friday for the town office entry roofs. Yolanda will contact contractor to schedule a day to come complete the work.

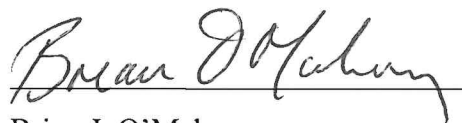
21. Motion and second to adjourn carried 4-0.



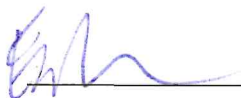
Seth A. Bolduc, Chair



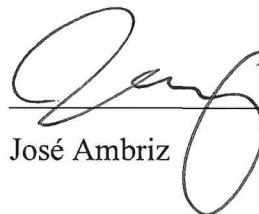
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Brian J. O'Mahoney



Erin E. Anderson



José Ambriz