

Selectboard Special Meeting Draft minutes

December 18, 2025 6 pm

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Present: Mike Ketchum, Carol Taylor-Burke, Mark Begin, Kevin Bagley, Jill Gifford, Joanne Mills, Sharon Pavlik, Donna Bryan, Patricia Hardyman.

Meeting Called to Order-6:00PM

The Cemetery reported to the Selectboard that they had approved one of the four bids received for the next 3 years mowing services. The Cemetery asked for \$20,000, from the town budget, annually to cover the mowing cost. The Selectboard will include an annual appropriation of \$20,000 in the budget to be approved by the voters in March.

Patricia Hardyman, an addition to the Agenda, came to report on the organizational meeting held by the Planning Committee. Kevin Travis will remain Chair, Patricia Hardyman will be vice chair and alternate TROC representative, and Stephen Farrington will remain secretary. The Committee will hold monthly meetings at the Town Office and via Zoom on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm, Starting January 2026

Donna Bryan Delinquent Tax Collector reported that just over \$152,000 were turned over to her in November. As of 12/15/25 there is still \$123,239.53 total from 2025 due, and @19994.11 due from prior years. Donna asked she can be provided with details on any adjustments or rebills done by the listers. Clerk will work with Listers to get Donna any information needed.

Road report: The discontinuance findings on TH-5 need to be resigned by the board. The board chair to sign the statement of no longer needing grant BC2234 due to receiving FEMA funds for the project. The International is at MCLeods for front end axle repair and hopefully will be done in a week. The board discussed overtime with a truck being down and a motion was made and seconded that in the event the town is down a truck, overtime will be offered to the road crew member with seniority and in extreme circumstances can alternate hours with other members. A highway department member expressed concerns regarding Blackmer Blvd, over excess traffic and speed. The board feel at this time that they have done all they can with posting Road Closed and No Thru Traffic, and are not willing to barricade the road, unless instructed by State/FEMA

The Clerk received the payoff and interest amount on the Tax Anticipation Note, and will make the payment next week.

The board and clerk worked on the postcard to send out regarding the outcome of the Special Town meeting. A short statement regarding the vote to change to a Fiscal Year Budget and Four Tax Payments will go to the entire Grand List.

Some additional budget prep was done and the clerk was asked to reach out to Dave Brown for any information on the Fire Department phone line that me may be able to provide.

The Board reviewed and signed Orders and Minutes and adjourned to executive session at 7:35PM