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Select Board Meeting

April 20, 2026
5:00 pm

Joe Lunt, Myron Lenfestey, Chris Hodgkins, and Larry Smith were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion to accept the 4/6/26 minutes by Larry Smith and seconded by Myron Lenfestey. Approved 4-0.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on 5/11/2026 at 5:00 pm

Warrant & Treasurer's Report: Daniel Swain was unable to attend the meeting. The warrant was reviewed and approved. Larry Smith reported on the contract to install the generator, and it was agreed that work should be done as soon as possible, possibly by early May with Austin Soucy doing the sitework.

Head of the Harbor: Jaime Wallace from Wright-Pierce met with the Board to update them on the Head of the Harbor project. Work will include the installation of a 48" plastic pipe and some increase in the road elevation. Looking to the future, the design will allow for further increases if conditions call for that. There was extensive discussion on maintaining vehicular access throughout the project and the importance of coordinating that. The consensus was that the contractor should be responsible for maintaining access throughout the project.

Planning Board: Kirk Emerson reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on Wednesday 4/22/26 to exchange information on the Land Use Ordinance proposal with members of the public.

Road Maintenance: The Administrator and Board Members discussed conversations with Austin Soucy about road work that will include ditching and culvert replacement, particularly on roads that will be overlaid soon. Soucy has told the Town that he will put together a proposal for the Town to review.

Property Sale: The Board clarified the procedure for the land sale that has been authorized by special town meeting vote. The Board proposed a 45-day period for local residents to make the purchase based on the market value estimated by the Town's real estate agent. After that, any properties still unsold would be marketed to others.

Staffing: There hasn't been any contact with Allie O'Connor regarding the Admin Assistant position. The Town Administrator will reach out to her and report back to the Select Board. He will also request that Caitlin Trafton participate in the next Select Board meeting to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer position, which could include plumbing inspector duties.

Executive Session: At this point, the Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion to do so by Larry Smith, seconded by Myron Lenfestey and approved 4-0. Following discussion, Joseph Lunt's motion to return to open session was seconded by Larry Smith and approved 4-0.

In open session, the Board asked the Town Administrator what rate to use for tree trimming work along town roads. The Administrator agreed to look up what the MDOT rate is for this work and will let the Board know.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joseph Lunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Myron Lenfestey and unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:15 pm.

