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Select Board

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Rick Erb

Select Board Meeting

February 23, 2026
5:00 pm

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

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion to accept the 2/9/26 minutes by Joe Lunt and seconded by Larry Smith. Approved 3-0.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on 3/9/2026 at 5:00 pm

Treasurer's Report: Daniel Swain was present and reported that the new payroll service is working as expected.

The upcoming budget was discussed and Daniel reported on changes he has made to the chart of accounts. He also mentioned items that still need to be addressed, including upkeep of the Teacher's House and upgrades to the TRIO financial software. Rick Erb suggested that completion of budget review by the end of March would allow time for town report printing.

Expectations for the school budget were discussed and the question was raised on whether there are adequate funds in case the school needs to be reopened mid-year. This will be taken up with the Superintendent.

Daniel filled the Board in on enforcement of tax liens and it was suggested that the Town should make efforts to better inform the public on this process.

Head of the Harbor: Rick reported positive feedback from FEMA on using \$150,000 already received for design and permitting for the culvert replacement. Another Zoom meeting with FEMA is scheduled.

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Planning Board: Kirk Emerson was present to speak with the Board about the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance. It was agreed that the Select Board will discuss this at their next meeting and schedule a more formal public meeting for the end of March.

School Reorganization: The Town has been notified that administrative reorganization of the school will be voted on in June. It was suggested that the School Superintendent be asked to meet with residents before then to fully explain its ramifications.

Storm Damage: Heavy winds are hitting Frenchboro this evening, but there is little serious damage so far.

There being no further business to take up, Joe Lunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Myron Lenfestey and unanimously approved to adjourn at 6:05 pm.