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Select Board Meeting

September 8, 2026
5:00 pm

Larry Smith, Chris Hodgkins, Jackie Mitchell, and Joe Lunt were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes from Last Meeting: The 8/24/26 minutes were taken up. Motion to accept by Joe Lunt, seconded by Larry Smith and approved 4-0.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on 9/21/2026 at 5:00 pm.

Warrant & Treasurer's Report: Daniel Swain joined the meeting. However, problems with the TRIO system prevented the Treasurer's Warrant from being prepared this week. It was agreed that this week's bills will be added to the next meeting's warrant. It was reported that bank reconciliations are being completed and that these will be current by the end of the month.

An update was received on the purchase of a new computer for the Town Clerk, which is now estimated to cost \$800. It was agreed that Daniel can have up to \$1,000 for that purchase. It is also estimated that an Owl can be purchased for approximately \$1,200.

There was a report on lien status, including the upcoming deadline to file 2025 liens this month and the foreclosure date in the spring for unpaid 2024 liens.

Head of the Harbor: A schedule for the project has been provided by Wright-Pierce Engineers. According to this, the bid notice will go out by 9/10/26, bids will be opened at the Wright-Pierce offices on 10/1/26, and the Select Board will be able to act on the bids by 10/5/26.

Property Sale: The Town Administrator discussed the process for local purchasers of the parcels going up for sale and recommended a 45-day period for local people to have first opportunity. Brooke Knights will be assembling packets for prospective buyers.

Town Building Maintenance Work: Bids from Allen Duchene and Austin Soucy were discussed. The Soucy bid had been received just before the meeting, so the Town Administrator will review both bids and get back to the Select Board.

The Board discussed quotes received from Pushaw Energy and Stars & Stripes (Soucy) for the installation of fuel tanks for the generator. Following discussion, Joe Lunt moved to move ahead with Pushaw Energy. The motion was seconded by Larry Smith and unanimously approved.

The Board then had a brief discussion on fuel deliveries and concluded that it would be helpful to survey island residents on their needs and tank capacity for the heating season in order to assist Offshore Fuel in scheduling deliveries.

Package Delivery: There was discussion on difficulties in transporting non-postal packages (particularly heavy ones) from the town wharf to the post office and it was suggested that a shed at the wharf might be a better alternative. It was requested that the mailboat be contacted about the feasibility of this.

Snow Plowing Bids: There was brief discussion on requirements for plow bidding. The Board considered requiring bidders to be current on Frenchboro taxes but concluded that the lien process should be taking care of that and that there isn't a need to combine the two matters.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Joe Lunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Larry Smith and unanimously approved at 6:10 pm.