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Select Board Meeting

October 13, 2026
5:00 pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes from Last Meeting: The 9/21/26 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 10/26/2026 at 5:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report: The Board took up the Certification of Assessment, which requires three signatures. This was done and the form will be left in the Town Treasurer's mailbox. Assessor's Agent Mike Rogers and Treasurer Daniel Swain calculated the new tax rate for 2026-27 to be 10.2 mills.

The warrant was discussed and approved and there was an update on the status of Town reserve accounts. The Board concluded that it is acceptable to use the Fire Department Reserve Account for needed repairs to the building, including installation of the newly acquired generator.

Head of the Harbor: Available funding for the project was discussed and it was reported that approximately $147,000 is currently available. This is in addition to $419,000 in EPA grant funds. The Board discussed the status of the project including the Army Corps of Engineers permit. Lauren Jennings and Rick Erb spoke about the possible impact of further delays in permitting and the Board encouraged them to push Wrigh-Pierce on this matter. There was also discussion on whether parts of the project outside of the tidal zone can be accomplished before a permit is issued.

The project bid opening is scheduled for 10:00 am on 10/22/26. It will be conducted at the Wright-Pierce offices but will be available by Zoom.
Propane Tanks: Approximately 30 tanks had accumulated in the quarry area. Pushaw Energy has begun removing these and will continue to do so. The tanks are not allowed at the Town's transfer station containers.

TRIO Upgrade: The current financial software is due for an upgrade to a web based version at a probable cost of $8,000, of which $6,000 is a one-time fee. Daniel Swain agreed to provide more information on the benefits and justification of the upgrade.

Public Facilities: Winterization of the restrooms was discussed, as was ongoing concern on delays and cost allocation of the repairs to the school building.

Shotguns Only Hunting Ordinance: The Land Trust has asked if Frenchboro has a local ordinance restricting hunting to shotguns only. Board members believe that was established some time ago, but there is question about whether it can be located in the town records.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Joe Lunt moved to adjourn. Seconded by Myron Lenfestey and unanimously approved at 6:40 am.