

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the July 1, 2025
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Rebecca Bright
Julie Steven-Giroux
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Travis Warren Tim Covert
Bonnie Jones Louie Batista
Bruce Winegardner
Joe Lewandowski

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

The summaries of the June 17, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Salt & Sand Shed Door

Still waiting on estimate and info from PDQ Door Co.

2. 2022 Foreclosures

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Waiting on response from the property abutter.

3. Response from Somerset County Commissioners payment option

The board received more information on the decision from the County Commissioners about the payment options. The commissioners read several towns feedback and will vote on the question at their July 16 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

The board was asked about maintaining the ballfield and what is in the budget for that purpose. The budgeting process would be knowing what is needed and getting estimates and adding it to the next budget cycle. The board asked the AA to contact Lynch Landscaping to get a quote to have the ballfield infield sprayed to help with the weeds.

2. Municipal Cooling/Warming Center

The AA explained the process that is being used to determine using the municipal building as a cooling or warming center. The building is only being offered during open hours and Amy Rasmussen has been volunteering her time to attend if assistance is needed. When the option is advertised, a temperature of above 90 degrees has been set for the determination of having the cooling center.

3. First Park Info

The board was given a letter sent by KRDA about the town share sent and information about lots being sold.

4. Housing Action Alert & Budget Update-MMA

The AA gave the board information about the new housing action alert. Hans Rasmussen was not present to explain. The board will ask the CEO to update them.

5. MSAD/RSU #54 Voting Results & 2025-26 Assessment

The board received a tally of the school budget voting results. The board discussed the conversation they had with superintendent Moody about a possible committee starting up to discuss alternative formula for the district to assess towns. The AA will draft a letter to send to Mr. Moody for requested information.

6. Joe Lewendowski Plow & Sand Contract Review

a. Review 2025-26 contract

The board reviewed the contract. Joe Lewandowski confirmed he reviewed and agrees to the terms and conditions. Justin Furbush motioned to sign the contract for the Plowing and Sanding of Town Roads. Julie Steven-Giroux seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Discuss Salt Pile Needed

Joe asked the board if a load of salt can be delivered at the beginning of the season. The board will see what the price per ton is received and check to see if money was budgeted.

c. S&S Shed Building Leaks, birds, etc.

Justin will look at the Salt & Sand Shed to see if there are any leaks.

Joe stated that the fan louvers are where the birds are getting in. Justin will take a look to see if the louvers can be altered.

7. Right to Know Officer Resignation & Info

Meredyth Tuttle submitted a resignation as the Right to Know Officer. The AA has taken over the process for now.

8. Road Commissioner

a. North Shore Drive Ditching

The board spoke to the Road Commissioner about a section at the beginning of North Shore Drive being grown in and obstructing the road signs. Travis Warren stated that ditching is in the schedule for that area.

b. Sand Hill Rd Paving

Travis Warren stated that Pike Industries will start the paving at the end of July, beginning of August. Travis stated that one cross culvert will be replaced, and ditching will be done prior to the paving.

c. Lake View Dr Brush Cutting

An area along Lake View Dr needs to have some brush/trees cut. The AA will reach out to the Maine Department of Transportation to see if that is something they will take care of, because it is a State Rd.

d. Town Roads Brush Cutting

The board discussed other areas that the Road Commissioner will be having brush cutting done.

9. Fire Department

a. Rescue Truck Repairs

Louie Batista, Fire Chief informed the board that the new rescue truck will be going in for repairs.

b. Jr Fire Fighter Question

The fire department asked if Jr Firefighter status could be looked into for the town to consider. The AA is contacting MMA legal.

c. Dry Hydrant at Boat Landing

The new dry hydrant that was installed at the North Shore Dr. boat landing is not working properly. The department is discussing ways to fix this issue, without having to dig the hydrant out.

10. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #12-25

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrant #12-25. Julie Stevens-Giroux seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Information Folder

List of Unfinished Items: 2025

- Salt & Sand Shed Leaks-**Discussed July 1, 2025**
- Generator Repair-**Hasn't malfunctioned**
- Municipal Building Gutters-**check with Ron LaPointe**
- Road Commissioner
 - Mt Tom Rd-**Ditch work/7 Lakes Alliance**
 - Miller Lane Driveway Culvert-**Summer 2025**
 - Road List Info Needed-**Need Measurements**
- 2 Foreclosure Tax payment Agreement-**Monthly Until Paid in Full Update**
- 2026 Town Meeting Warrant-**Article to Pave Gravel Section Sand Hill Rd**
- Charter Communications Franchise Agreement-**Sending to Town Attorney**