

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the August 5, 2025
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Rebecca Bright
Julie Steven-Giroux
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark

Meredyth Tuttle Atom McLeod

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

The summaries of the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Salt & Sand Shed Door Repair PDQ Invoice

The board reviewed the invoice for the S&S Shed door repair for \$3,678.00. The AA signed the quote and sent it in for approval. The board discussed what account the money would be taken from. A discussion of accounts is scheduled for the next meeting.

2. MSAD/RSU #54 Responses to Letter

The board reviewed the responses from Jon Moody and asked the AA to keep the item on the agenda and revisit monthly.

3. Ballfield Spray Infield Maintenance Quote

Justin Furbush motioned to accept the \$350.00 quote from Lynch Landscaping for the spraying on non turf areas of the ballfield. Julie Stevens-Giroux seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Fire Department

a. Rescue Truck Repairs Update

Jeremy Norton, Deputy Chief informed the board that the rescue truck is scheduled to go in for a head gasket repair at the end of August for about a week. The board asked what the department would do for a rescue vehicle during that period. The old rescue vehicle as well as Engine 3 and personal vehicles will respond to EMS calls.

b. Jr Fire Fighter Response from MMA

The AA received information from MMA Legal about a Jr FF program. The board received the information and has reviewed it. The board asked Jeremy questions about the departments expectations of the program. The board asked the AA to look into what insurance would be for a Jr FF program.

c. Dry Hydrant at Boat Landing

The department is still looking at the current dry hydrant and the water level in order to produce an inexpensive way to use the dry hydrant. When it was installed it was done incorrectly and cannot be used at this time.

d. Request for Old Rescue Vehicle

Jeremy discussed with the board about the possibility of keeping the old rescue vehicle to use as a cold-water rescue vehicle mostly for storage and use to haul the equipment if needed. The board felt that as long as the vehicle isn't costing the town in absorbent repair bill, it is something to consider. Jeremy stated that the vehicle can be housed inside the building during the winter months.

e. Engine #1 Replacement

Jeremy reminded the board that two years ago the department spoke about replacing Engine #1. Information is being researched and will be brought to the board at budget time.

5. 2022 Foreclosures

- **Belomizi M 9 Lot 15**

This property is foreclosed, and the town owns it. Discussions with an abutter are still being worked on.

- **McLeod M8 L31**

Atom McLeod signed an agreement with the board to pay \$500.00 a month to pay the taxes due in order for the town to quit-claim the property back to him. The payments were not made, and the agreement is void. The board asked Atom what his plan was to pay the taxes and possibly produce a different agreement. The board discussed having to put insurance on the property and posting it with no trespassing signs. The board will have the AA contact Atom by Friday 8/8/25 to see what details will be in the new payment agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

a. Regular Meeting Change

A reminder that the meeting for 8/19/25 has been cancelled.

b. Village Cemetery Fence

Justin Furbush, Town Sexton discussed the replacement of the Village Cemetery fence that was taken down due to damage and needing to be replaced. The town had appropriated \$5,000.00 to replace the fencing. Justin informed the board that he cannot find the same type of fencing that was taken down. Posts with white chain will be an affordable replacement and that is what will be installed.

c. Sand Hill Rd Paving

Justin Furbush said that Travis Warren called him and said that the Sand Hill Rd was going to be paved this week.

2. Delta Ambulance Quarterly Report

The board reviewed the quarterly report from Deltas Ambulance. The longer response times were discussed with Jeremy Norton, Deputy Fire Chief. The board asked if the town had any other options to go with for paramedic ambulance transport. Jeremy stated that RFGH has an ambulance service, and he would reach out to see if that could be looked into what the cost and better response times with a different company.

3. ~~CEO Violation Letter~~

This item was asked to be removed from the Agenda due to it being resolved prior to the meeting.

4. MDOT LRAP Local Roads Payment Information

The board reviewed an email from M.D.O.T about the 2025-26 LRPI payment and certificate being late this year. The email also talked about some of the requirements for use that have changed.

5. Accounts Review

The AA gave the board a printout of the town account balances. The board would like to review and discuss it at the next meeting.

6. Outside Water Spigot Signs

The AA informed the board that two signs were ordered to be placed at the two faucet areas outside of the building.

7. Municipal Officer Manual, Officer Terms of Resignation

Julie Stevens-Giroux, 2nd Selectmen informed the board that she sold her house and is moving out of Smithfield. The BOS bylaws state that a Municipal Officer must be a Smithfield resident. State statutes state that when a resignation is given to the board, the board can accept the resignation and hold a special town election to elect a 2nd Selectmen or reject the resignation and run the remaining term (March 2026) with two board members. The board will take the information gathered from MMA Legal and review the rules and make a discussion at the September 2, 2025 board meeting.

8. Cal Ripken Charter Agreement

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Cal Ripken Charter Agreement for the 2025-26 season. Julie Stevens-Giroux seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #14-25 & #15-25

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrants #14-25 & 15-25. Justin Furbush seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Information Folder

List of Unfinished Items: 2025

- 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**