

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the November 4, 2025
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Bright
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Tim Covert Daniel Keay
Laura Covert Leeland Keay
Rick Moore Paul & Betty Fredrick

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

The summaries of the October 21, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Map 8 Lot 14-L-2 Foreclosure Tax payment Agreement-

The AA sent out a certified letter to Melissa Caswell about her missing payments. Melissa paid the amount in full on 10/20/25.

2. Building Gutter by Main Entrance

Quality Electric installed heat tape and an outlet to turn the tape on during times when needed. Ron LaPointe has still not installed the piece to help with the dripping from the gutter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary-None

2. Cost Sharing Meeting MSAD #54 Update

Rebecca, Nicky, & Dan Frey were present at the first two meetings of the cost sharing committee. The Committee consist of the six towns from the school district and three representatives from each town had a vote. Rebecca and Nicky updated Justin and the public on how the meetings were conducted and how the vote came to be at the second meeting. A motion was made to change the current assessment formula from 100% town valuation for the local portion of the school budget to 10% student count and 90% valuation. Notes and emails with information about the two meetings are available to review. The next step is for the district to have a referendum vote for the proposed change.

3. Letter to Board from Central Maine Reginal Airport

The board received a letter from the Central Maine Reginal Airport signed by Richard LaBelle, Norridgewock Town manager. The letter went over some information about the airport and asked for the town to consider financial support. The board asked the AA to reply to Mr. LaBelle and ask that he attend a meeting to further discuss what is being requested.

4. Delta Ambulance Letter

The board received a license change retraction letter from Delta Ambulance stating that Delta has retracted its current application to change in agencies license level.

5. Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force

Somerset County Administrator, Tim Curtis has been sending the board updated information on the Real Estate Property Task Force.

6.Real Estate Revaluation Discussion

The AA spoke with the board about having the assessing agency, RJT Appraisal come to a meeting to keep the board informed about the revaluation process that will start in the fall of 2026.

7.Gould Cemetery Conveyance Lot H11 Steve & Doris Michaud

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Gould Cemetery conveyance for lot H11 to Steve and Doris Michaud. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.RE Abatement & Supplemental Map 14 Lot 43

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the real estate abatement form for Map 14 Lot 43 due to an administrative error. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion Motion carried.

9.Request For Reflector Parking Lot Entrance

Hans Rasmussen asked if a reflective device be placed near the entrance of the Municipal Building where the current ditch is a hazard. Vehicles have been stuck in this area due to its visibility. The area will be looked at to see what can be placed for a reflector and whereas to not interfere with plowing.

10.Paul Frederick, Somerset County Commissioners Candidate

Paul Frederick attended the meeting to introduce himself as a candidate for the district 2 county commissioner vacancy.

11.Janet White, Somerset County Commissioners Candidate

The board received a letter from Janet White introducing herself as a candidate for the district 2 county commissioner vacancy.

12. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #22-25

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrant #22-25. Justin Furbush seconded the motion. Motion carried.