

**TOWN OF SMITHFIELD**  
**Summary of the December 16, 2025**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**  
Rebecca Bright  
Daniel Keay  
Justin Furbush

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen  
Leeland Keay Forrest Noke  
Tim Covert Jeremy Norton  
Bruce Winegardner Joni Gould  
Richard LaBelle Robert Anderson  
Melissa Anderson

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

**The summaries of the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Central Maine Reginal Airport-Richard LaBelle**

Richard LaBelle was present to discuss the Central Maine Reginal Airport request for funds. The board explained the process for non-profit request, a required form is filled out by the organization and submitted to the office by December 31, 2025. The request will then be given to the budget committee to be addressed during the workshops and official budget committee meeting for recommendations.

**2. Town Roads Plow & Sand Contract**

Joe Lewendowski did not show up to discuss his current contract ending with the board.

**3. Somerset Animal Housing Contract**

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the Somerset Animal Housing Contract for the fiscal year 2029. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Annual Report Story**

Sharon Wood accepted the request for the 2025 Annual Report story. Rebecca will reach out to her.

**5. Municipal Officers Terms-MMA Legal**

The AA received recommended wording for town meeting warrant articles for a term change proposal.

The AA also gave the board information about a statue change from 2021 involving replacing nomenclature titles for elected officials from "Selectmen" to a more gender-neutral term such as "Select Board"

Justin Furbush motioned to change the title of Selectmen to Select Board. Danielle Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Public Commentary**

#### **\* Route 2 Detour/Accident**

Richard LaBelle spoke about an incident that occurred along Route 2 in Norridgewock and Smithfield being asked to have the roads being used for redirection of traffic clear of snow and ice.

#### **\* Ross Hill Rd. Animal Concern**

Justin received a call from a Ross Hill Rd resident about dogs being left alone in a camper trailer on Ross Hill Rd. Justin informed the resident that the Animal Control Officer would need to be called about the concern.

### **2. FD**

#### **a. Mercer Cover**

The fire department had gathered information on the town's department covering the Town of Mercer for fire emergencies. The board asked the department to put the information in writing and bring it to the next board meeting.

#### **b. Discussion on Engine #1 Replacement**

The AA wanted to make sure the board understood that the fire department was not asking for a replacement truck for this upcoming fiscal year. The intent of the item being on the agenda was to be aware of the budgeting process when discussing the equipment reserve account.

#### **c. Full-Time Fire Position**

A statement was made from the audience about the fire department asking for two full-time firefighters to be added to the annual warrant and budget. The deputy fire chief had not had the opportunity to bring this to the boards attention before the statement was said. The board asked the deputy fire chief to put the information in writing and bring it to the next board meeting.

### **3. MMA Risk Management Annual Audited Financial Report**

The board received an audit financial report from MMA Risk Management.

### **4. Application Fees Discussion/KVCOG Meeting**

Hans Rasmussen, CEO attended a meeting at KVCOG about surrounding communities and application fees. Hans felt it was information that the board should be aware of and discuss it at some point to see if the town's current application fees are adequate.

### **5. KVCOG Informational Letter**

The board received a letter from KVCOG about services the organization provides.

### **6. AA Vacation**

The AA gave the board information about the upcoming December vacation dates.

### **7. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #25-25**

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #25-25. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.