

**TOWN OF SMITHFIELD**  
**Summary of the December 2, 2025**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen  
Leeland Keay Donald Skillings  
Tim Covert Jeremy Norton

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

**The summaries of the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Central Maine Reginal Airport-Richard LaBelle Dec 16**

Richard LaBelle rescheduled to the next board meeting due to the weather.

**2. Annual Town Report Story**

The board discussed options for residents to be featured in the Annual Town Report. Sharon Wood will be asked if she would like to be the resident for the next town report.

**3. Donald Skillings, District 2 County Commissioner**

Donal Skillings attended the meeting as the Somerset County District 2 County Commissioner. Mr. Skillings thanked the Smithfield board for supporting his candidacy and voting for him at the caucus.

Mr. Skillings informed the board of a grant opportunity called Somerset County Matching Grant that supports projects that impact residents and visitors to Somerset County. The funds come from Community Benefit Agreement with First Wind Maine Holdings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Commentary**

- a. Rebecca Bright spoke as a resident of Smithfield to inform the board and audience of a citizens petition that was available and titled "Petition to Withdraw From RSU #54". Register voters would be petitioning the board of Selectmen to initiate the process to withdraw from RSU#54. The process has 22 steps for a municipality, and this is the first. The board discussed how the article if voted to be put in the Annual Town Warrant would be worded.

**2. Town Warrant Articles Discussion (see below)**

The board went over the list below of items that would be put into articles for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

**3. Somerset County Budget Committee Vacancy**

The board received information from the County Administrator about a vacancy on the Somerset County Budget Committee.

#### **4. FD**

##### **a. Proposed Budget**

Jeremy Norton, deputy chief, submitted the fire departments 2026-27 budget for the board to look over. The budget will be discussed at a budget workshop scheduled in January.

##### **b. Storage Building**

Jeremy spoke with the board about getting quotes for groundwork and a metal structure for the fire department to have for some of the rescue vehicles.

#### **5. Nomination Papers**

The board discussed the two openings for the Board of Selectmen that nomination papers have not been taken out for.

#### **6. Town Roads Plow & Sand Contract**

The current Town Roads Plow & Sand Contract is on its third and final contract year. The board asked the AA to contact Joe Lewandowski, current contract holder, to see if he would come to discuss his intentions for a new contract.

#### **7. Town Account Balances**

The board received updated spreadsheets on the account balances.

#### **8. Somerset Animal Housing Contract**

The 2026 Somerset Animal Housing Contract was sent to the board to sign. Questions about livestock where ask and how those types of issues are handled and if they are a part of the contract. The AA will reach out to the town's current ACO and ask for some clarification.

#### **9. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #24-25**

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #24-25. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **(item #2 new business) Possible Articles for 2026 Town Warrant**

- Pave Gravel Section Sand Hill Rd
- Sexton changes in term from 1 yr to 3 yr
- Possible Selectmen term to be staggered
- Engine #1 Replacement