

**TOWN OF SMITHFIELD**  
**Summary of the January 6, 2026**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen  
A list of attendees is attached

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

**The summaries of the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The AA spoke with Joe Lewendowski about the upcoming contract for 2026-27. Joe stated to the AA that at this point he doesn't feel that he would want another contract. The board will need to put the contract out to bid.

**2. Annual Report Story**

Rebecca will contact Sharon Wood soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Commentary**

**2. FD**

**a. Mercer Coverage**

The board spoke with the fire department about information they put together for cost that would be associated with covering the town of Mercer for fire related emergencies. When the discussion was over, the chair took comments from the public.

Justin Furbush motioned to send a letter to the Mercer Select Board stating that the Smithfield Select Board has taken the discussion off their agenda and that any communication about the issue will need to come to the Select Board directly. The Fire Department was directed not to speak about the subject without the board involved. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Full Time Employee**

The board spoke with the fire department about adding a full-time employee for the fire department. The department felt that an EMT/First responder was needed to aid the town in a better capacity. The full-time employee would take over the secretarial duties and the mandatory equipment checks, along with other duties that the current members are being paid for but not able to complete due to their regular jobs and family duties.

Justin Furbush motioned to add a full-time employee to the fire department. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 2 for and 1 against.

### **3. Recommended Planning Board By-Law Changes**

The board received a copy of the current Planning Board by-laws from the PB Chair. The by-laws had two areas with changes highlighted. The board asked the AA to have the chair attend a board meeting in order to explain what they were doing.

### **4. Citizen Petition**

This item was tabled.

### **5. AA Proposal**

The AA submitted paperwork to the board requesting a raise in pay and a title change. Supporting documentation was submitted as well.

### **6. Surplus Property Program**

The AA explained the Maine Surplus Property Program to the board. Hans Rasmussen had gone to the surplus property building and purchased some items. Hans will give a payment for the items to the treasurer.

### **7. Road Concerns**

The AA had received some complaints over the past couple of weeks about plowing and sanding of the town roads. The concerns were communicated to the current contractor at the time of complaint.

### **8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A section 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters Concerning the Planning Board**

Justin Furbush motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter that came from the Planning Board Chair. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session, where no votes were cast. The board asked the AA to have the PB Chair attend the next meeting to explain the situation.

### **9. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #26-25 & #27-25**

Justin Furbush motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrant #26-25 & #26-25. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.