

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the January 20, 2026
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Bright
Daniel Keay
Justin Furbush

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Erik Rasmussen Tim Covert
Travis Warren Mike Perkins
Keith Wilde

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

The summaries of the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Roads Plow & Sand Contract Bid

This item is on the agenda for the board to start discussing in April 2026

2. Annual Report Story

Rebecca has been in touch with Sharon Wood and will follow up with her for the information to write up the Annual Town Report story.

3. Town of Mercer Letter Sent

The AA gave the board a copy of the letter sent to the Town of Mercer Select Board pertaining to discussions for fire-related services.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

a. Public Hearing

The board discussed the public hearing scheduled for 2/17/26 and what will be the topics of discussion.

b. March 2, 2026 Select Board Meeting Change

Justin Furbush asked if the regular meeting for 3/2/26 could be changed due to a conflict. The regular meeting will be scheduled for 3/1/26.

c. East Pond Rd

The board agreed that ideas needed to be discussed in the spring about what can be done to avoid vehicles from missing the stop sign at the end of East Pond Rd and damaging the Gould Cemetery fence and headstones.

2. Budget Discussions

a. Mowing Contract

Justin Furbush, owner of Furbush Lawn Care gave the board his proposal for increases to his town property mowing contract for 2026-2028 seasons. The board used these numbers in the upcoming fiscal budget and will discuss the contract in the spring.

b. General Government Increases

The board discussed what amount and who would be getting increases for municipal officers and employees for the FY 2026-27. These increases will be available at the public hearing on 2/17/26 for the public to view.

c. RBC Accounts

The board discussed the Roads, Bridges, & Culvert accounts with the road commissioner, Travis Warran. Some increases were made.

d. Smithfield Scholarships

The AA informed the board that both recipients of the two Smithfield Scholarships were being paid out before the end of the fiscal year.

e. Waste Management Figures 2025

The AA gave the board spreadsheets from Waste Management representative Jeff McGowen that shows the number of residents that entered the back gate in 2025 and the tonnage numbers for the front gate for 2025. The town had stopped paying commercial tipping fees in 2025. The total Waste management bills for 2025 have decreased by \$20,000.

3. Firefighter Blanket Accident Ins Coverage Documents

The board received documents explaining the annual Firefighter Blanket Accident Insurance coverage the town pays for through Maine Municipal Association. The town has been paying this benefit for several years.

4. KVCOG Joint Purchasing

The AA explained the annual KVCOG joint purchasing paperwork for road salt and culverts that will need to be submitted by the end of January 2026.

5. LRAP Payment Information

The board received documents explaining how the LRAP Local Roads payment is formulated.

6. Citizen Petition

The board received a citizen petition to withdraw from RSU #54 “We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Smithfield, Maine, qualified to vote in town affairs, hereby petition the Smithfield Board of Selectman, to initiate the process to withdraw from RSU #54 in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A: EDUCATION §1466. Withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit.”

The petition was certified by the Town Clerk. The Select Board will put an article on the Annual Town Warrant with a money amount to spend up to \$50,000 for legal fees associated with the withdrawal process.

7. PB Member Resignation Letter

Erik Rasmussen, PB chair had sent two notifications letters to the Select Board about the planning board members absences pursuant to the PB By-Laws.

David Kincaid sent in a letter of resignation to the board. There will be a vacant regular seat. The board talked about having some type of recognition planned for David.

8. 2025 Audit Engagement Letter

Justin Furbush motioned to sign the FY 2025-26 audit engagement letter. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The auditor is scheduled for March 25, 2026.

9. Certification of Official Text to Town Clerk

Justin Furbush motioned to approve the below ordinance amendments for articles in the 2026-27 town warrant. Rebecca Bright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. SLZ Ordinance Amendments Section 15, A (1) (b)**
- b. SLZ Ordinance Amendments Section 12, C (b)**
- c. SLZ Ordinance Amendments Section 15, W**
- d. Proposed Comprehensive Plan**

10. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #28-25

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn, and sign Warrant #28-25. Danielle Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.