

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of the March 17, 2026
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Bright
Danielle Keay
Amy Gatie

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Joni Gould

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

The summaries of the March 2, 2026 meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

Rebecca Bright motioned to accept the summary minutes from March 2, 2026. Daniel Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Roads Plow & Sand Specification Review (not vote) for Bidding Process

The board reviewed the bidding documents. The T.A. reviewed the four days that the bid will be advertised in the local paper. The board talked about how the opening of the bids will be done on May 5 and that the board will not award the bid until the following meeting on May 19.

2. Skowhegan Savings CD-Joni will Attend Meeting at some point

Joni Gould spoke to the board about a request to look at different banks for the town's money CD. Joni spoke to the fact that the town's bank account is with Skowhegan Savings, and we have a trustworthy relationship with them, and she feels that if we constantly swap banks for our CD needs for a possible minimum difference in interest rate and a charge for taking the money out of the cd, it just never seemed a good move. The board agreed with Joni's capabilities and agrees to keep it with Skowhegan Savings.

3. Update on Franchise Agreements (Spectrum & TDS) for Cable & Video Services

The T.A. gave the board an update on the Model Video Service Franchise Agreement that was being worked on by Maine Community Media Association committee. A draft has been sent to the town to use during the renewal of a franchise agreement.

4. Food Sovereignty Act

The board received food sovereignty act documentation by email. Rebecca stated that the resident that inquired about the town creating an ordinance for food sovereignty is able to get the required license from the state and if the towns people felt not having an ordinance was depriving the town, a petition could be brought to the board for further consideration and time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

There were no public comments.

2. Public Hearing-Set Permit/Technical Fees for Non-Residential Solar Energy-Producing Facilities Application

Rebecca Bright opened the public hearing for Non-Residential Solar Energy-Producing Facilities Application to set technical fees. Hans Rasmussen, CEO spoke to the board about the research he did to find examples of fees. Hans will work on an application to be used and the T.A. will outline what the board will be voting on for fees at the next meeting.

3. KVCOG Letter of Support-Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant

The board reviewed the letter of support that KVCOG is asking for in order for KVCOG to apply for the Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant. Danielle Keay motioned to sign the letter of support. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to Add Vision Benefits-Employee 100% Funded

The T.A asked the board to approve and sign the acceptance letter for vision benefits to be added to the town's health insurance package. The benefit is 100% employee paid. Rebecca Bright motioned to sign the acceptance letter to MMA Health Trust for vision benefits. Danielle Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

5. KRDA FirstPark Information

a. Information from Gloria Kelly-Representative

Gloria Kelly emailed a summary of the KRDA General Assembly meeting.

b. Monthly Reports from Kristine Logan-Executive Director

The board reviewed the monthly reports sent by KRDA executive director.

c. April 21, 2026 Board Meeting with E.D KRDA

The executive director, Kristine Logan will meet with the board on April 21, 2026 to discuss and give an update on the progress of KRDA.

6. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #4-26

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn and sign warrant #4-26. Danielle Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.