

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of May 5, 2026
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Bright
Danielle Keay
Amy Gatie

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Michael Davis Nicolas Marston
Siobahn Surette Lee Bulmer Diane Downing
Tammy Furbush Justing Furbush
Wes Furbush Derek Furbush Jon Moody
Amy Downing Jay Merry Zack Longyear
Michelle Taylor Joe Lewendowski
Meredyth Tuttle Travis Warren
Tina Stevens William Foss Rick Moore

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

The summary of April 21, 2026, meeting minutes were accepted as typed.

Rebecca Bright motioned to accept the summary minutes from April 21, 2026. Daniel Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Roads Plow & Sand

The board will take the next two weeks to call on references and bring the information back to the next board meeting on May 19, 2026.

a. Bid Opening

The board opened the three sealed bids received. Furbush Lawn & Plowing \$552,450, Pavement Plus Inc. \$547,744.86, Joe Lewandowski \$702,600

b. Item List of Questions for Contractors

The board asked the three contractors to come up in front of the board table. They were each asked questions by the board.

2. First Park KRDA Info on Length of Contract

The T.A. had multiple email conversations with Kristin Logan, E.D. of First Park and completed research into town records, per request of the board, to find out the term length of the KRDA/First Park lease/contract. In 2000 the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease/contract with the Town of Oakland for a 99-year term. The loan that was taken out by the Town of Oakland for the First Park project was a 20-year term. The terms of the lease/contract state that if First Park were self-sufficient by the loan term ending, the towns would have an option to opt out of the lease/contract. First Park is not self-sufficient.

3. Moonshiners Snowmobile Club Town Property Contract/Agreement/Lease

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Opposition Letter to Representatives for H.R 2289 American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025

The board was asked to sign letters to be sent to senate and house representatives at the last meeting in April. The board wanted time to review the information. The T.A. informed the board that the time frame for sending letters out has passed and their signatures are no longer needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

a. Somerset County Grant

Rebecca Bright, 1st Select Board Member, completed the grant application for Somerset County. It will be submitted by Friday, May 8, 2026.

b. Somerset County Budget

Rebecca Bright, 1st Select Board Member is a budget committee member for the Somerset County Budget Committee. Rebecca gave the board an update on the proposed county budget.

2. Jon Moody, RSU/MSAD FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Jon Moody, MSAD #54 Superintendent was present to go over the proposed school budget.

3. Planning Board Certificate of Appointment-Lee Bulmer

Danielle Key motioned to appoint Lee Bulmer as a regular Planning Board member. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Maine Public Utilities Commission Rate Increases-Telecommunications Association of Maine is asking for signatures.

The T.A. gave the board information from Telecommunications Association of Maine about the rate rise that the Maine Public Utilities Commission is proposing. TAM is asking for the board's signatures to support a complaint filed with the PUC regarding this matter. The board agreed to sign the support letter.

5. Request to Clean Up Town Roadsides

Michael Davis was present to discuss his request to be able to clean up the town roadways of trash and bulky waste. Nicolas Martin and Siobahn Surette were also present to show their support and participation in this endeavor. The board discussed with the three participants ways that would be allowed to dispose of the trash and bulky waste. After a lengthy discussion, the participants spoke with the T.A. about forming a committee to organize this project.

6. Property Abatement-Admin Error M8 L38L1 Chelsea Merry

Rebecca Bright motioned to sign the abatement for M8 L38-L1, Chelsea Merry due to an administrative error. Danielle Key seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn and Sign Warrant #8-26

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #8-26. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.