

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of August 18, 2026
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Rasmussen
Danielle Keay
Amy Gatie

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Jeff Giroux Louie Batista
Bonnie Jones Tim Covert
Travis Warren Lee Keay

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

The summary of August 11, 2026, meeting minutes were approved as typed.

Rebecca Rasmussen motioned to approve August 11, 2026, minutes as typed. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. KVCOG-Community Resilience Partnership Update

The T.A. will have a zoom meeting with a Noresco and a Pierce & Atwood representatives to introduce and discuss energy efficiency sustainability and infrastructure solutions. The T.A. will set up a board meeting that the representatives can attend to speak with the board.

2. RSU #54 Strategic Planning Committee Update

Rebecca and Meredyth attended the RSU/MSAD #54 strategic planning committee meeting Tuesday, August 18. Rebecca informed the board what was done and discussed at the first committee meeting.

3. Intent to Build Building Notice Ordinance

This item is tabled until the next meeting.

4. MDOT Info on Road Safety Requests

a. Crosswalk

The board discussed the federal regulations that are required for a Municipality to install a crosswalk. The T.A. will contact MDOT and ask if a traffic study could be done and if there is a charge and ask about being able to take abutting land along a state road for the landings. Once these questions are answered the board may come up with a question relating to installing a crosswalk and/or signage for the residents at town meeting to see if this is a large priority, they want to spend town monies on.

b. Jake Brake (Engine Brakes) Signs

Rebecca Rasmussen motioned to order one "Please Limit Engine Brakes" sign for \$128.75 and pay an estimated \$100.00 to have it installed. Daniel Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The board discussed putting a limit on the amount of money spent on signs (not required) per year.

Tim Covert, resident, suggested that the Children at Play signs that are located on Sand Hill Rd be taken and placed in the area. The signs were originally placed on Sand Hill Rd for a daycare facility that is no longer open. The board agreed to have the signs removed and placed in town. One will be 100' before the Ice Cream Shoppe on Village Rd going south and the second one will be after Merry Ln on Village Rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

a. Fuel Prices/Annual MSAD #54

The T.A. received a call from C.N. Brown explaining that the school district has still not signed an agreement with them for a set fuel price. The price given is \$4.50 a gallon. The T.A. would like to call local fuel companies and see if they are offering a prepay price. The board agreed.

b. Road Commissioner, North Shore Dr Culverts

Travis Warren, Road Commissioner, spoke with the board about the North Shore Dr. culverts that he had said needed to be replaced. Travis feels that the replacement can wait until next year, so that the account doesn't get overdrawn. Travis gave the board a list of items that will need to be done this year with pricing.

2. Substitute for Town Administrator Info

The T.A. informed the board that the current substitute will be giving up that position at the first of 2027 . The T.A. will work on drafting up a job description and bring it to the board.

3. Fire Department

Louie Batista, Fire Chief, was present to discuss department issues with the board. He talked about the rescue boat engine repair. The jr. firefighter program is still being looked into. The dry hydrant at the boat landing is still being discussed.

4. Data Center Info KVCOG

The T.A. was asked by the board to see what information could be obtained about data centers. The T.A. contacted KVCOG and gave the board the information received.

5. Adjourn and Sign Warrants #16-26

Rebecca Rasmussen motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #16-26. Daniel Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.