

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
Summary of July 28, 2026
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:
Rebecca Bright
Danielle Keay
Amy Gatie

ALSO, PRESENT: Nichole Clark Hans Rasmussen
Jeff Giroux Alexis Davidson
Bonnie Jones Justin Furbush
Nick Marston Siobahn Surette

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

The summary of July 7, 2026, meeting minutes were tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Natural Conservation Committee Update

The committee gave an update on the roadside trash pickup that was done and future project/events.

2. KVCOG-Community Resilience Partnership-Olivia Kunesh

Olivia Kunesh went over the community survey that was done with the administrator indicating what community actions are being embraced. Olivia had questions for the fire department that the administrator would communicate with them and get answers back to Olivia. The board and CEO had questions about the climate-ready standards section and Olivia will provide more information for that topic.

The board scheduled a public engagement event for October 15, 2026, board meeting. The deadline for adopting a resolution is April of 2027.

3. East Pond Rd Signage for Intersection of Village Rd

The board continued its discussion on what is needed for the East Pond Rd intersection. The administrator will get pricing for one solar flashing stop sign and two sets of bolt on reflector strips to be placed on the 4 x 4 posts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Commentary

a. Jeff Giroux Road Safety (crosswalk & jake brakes)

Jeff Giroux asked the board about having a crosswalk installed for patrons crossing to get to the Ice Cream Shoppe and about signage for the village area and no jake brakes used. The Administrator will contact MDOT for guidance.

b. Rebecca Bright, RSU #54 Strategic Planning Committee

Rebecca will be a committee member for the RSU #54 Strategic Planning Committee, and the first meeting is next week.

2. Dept of Labor Training for Compliance

The board and CEO signed four compliance training logs after completing training for fire extinguishers, hazard communication, Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, and Emergency Action Plan.

3. Fire Department

No one from department attended the meeting.

4. MMA Risk Management

a. Property Survey Inspection Report

The board reviewed the inspection report submitted from MMA Insurance. The board went over the areas of concern, and the TA will write up a response with resolutions to the hazard areas and a completion date.

b. Addition of Ballfield/Fence/Shed

The TA was informed by MMA that the ballfield and storage shed was not on the Town's property list. The board reviewed the additional costs that will be placed on the invoice for 2027.

5. Mowing Contracts

Rebecca Bright motioned to sign the Municipal Property and Cemetery mowing contracts. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Mill Rate Calculation

After a lengthy discussion, Rebecca Bright motioned to set the 2026-27 mill rate at 15.75 with an overlay of \$27,595.66. Daniel Keay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Bright motioned to sign the tax certificates associated with the FY 2026-27 tax collection. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ATV Access-Norridgewock Sportsman Club

No one from the club attended the meeting.

8. Adjourn and Sign Warrants #14-26

Rebecca Bright motioned to adjourn and sign Warrant #14-26. Amy Gatie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.