

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 09-23-2025

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in Stow, Maine by Steve Dupuis

Present

Selectmen: Steve Dupuis, Robert Flint, Sarah Shute

Town Clerk: Christine Carone **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros **Deputy Clerk:** (absent)

Residents/Guests: Harold Drew, Fire Chief; Mel Drew

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved 3-0

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 09/09/2025 meeting **Selectman approve (2-0, 1 abstain.)**

Treasures Report:

Cash Balance \$212,988, before this warrant

W # 51 \$121,147.19

The budget committee will meet on Wednesday October 15, at 6:30 to go over Q3 reports. The SB has requested they meet monthly thereafter to plan for the 2026 budget.

I suggest we allocate all FEMA grant money not yet received to the Emergency Repair fund in 2026 rather than use it for 2026 capital projects since timing of receipt of cash is still unknown.

We received Troy Morse's performance bond and will make the first payment on the next warrant.

Clerks Business:

J. Ives of Fernalds Hill stated that tax map 10 indicates a mistake in the spelling of the road name. Christine Carone has corrected the mistake. The Selectboard approved the purchase of a new sign indicating 'Fernalds Hill.'

Selectman's Reports:

Maintenance-

S.Dupuis called Lake Region regarding the repair of the heat exchange. Lake Region stated they are waiting for a part. The repair is under our warranty.

Streetlight – S.Dupuis has tried to contact CMP to repair the streetlight.

Bear Dyer will submit a quote to paint the guardrail before winter sets in.

The fiber optic installers have material at the salt shed. S.Dupuis will call and ask them to remove it within the month.

Town Roads

At the meeting, the SB approved work on So. Chatham Road in October. S.Dupuis has ordered electronic signs for Oct1 to 7th. So. Chatham will be closed for one day. Harold Drew requested access for any emergency vehicle to be able to get through and submitted a letter from the state fire marshal indicating this. The SB will arrange for emergency vehicles to have access.

Harold asked to meet with the Selectboard to discuss EMA contacts. The fire dept will have water available for residents whose wells have gone dry.

Open Issues:

The SB will advertise for a grant writer.

New Business:

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes taken by Nancy Boros