

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 12-23-2025

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

Present

Selectmen: Steve Dupuis, Rob Flint, Sarah Shute

Town Clerk: Christine Carone **Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Panno, **Treasurer:** Absent – N. Boros

Residents/Guests -0

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved 3-0

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 12/ 09/2025 meeting

Approval of Warrant 3-0

Treasurers Report:

FEMA update:

We received \$11,338 from Fema/Mema for the Dec 2023 storm.

The only amount remaining due related to this storm (DR 4754) is the admin cost of \$1,901. This final amount will not be forwarded from Mema until the state has completed all their work related to this disaster, so it will not be forthcoming anytime soon.

For DR 4719 have a balance due of \$74,023. We expect to receive \$68,500 in 2-4 weeks, the Admin costs of \$5,523 will not be forwarded until the state has completed all their work related to this disaster.

ME Dot Grant

We are waiting for an engineering bill from Pine Tree Engineering. We will submit a project update to ME Dot before January 15th, the deadline.(NB SB and RTC)

Expenses related to 2025

Expenses related to 2025, that are not on the warrant are listed below. If you are aware of others, please let me know.

Khiel for grading roads - I have estimated \$9k, which is probably high

Pine Tree Engineering - I have \$15k estimated for engineering plans

Alan Eastman - So. Chatham work - SB and Alan to finalize the amount of the invoice.

Budget Meetings

The budget committee is meeting on January 21, Feb 11 with a snow date of Feb 18th. (All Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

Foreclosures - 2023

We have two residents who have not yet paid their 2023 taxes and will be sent foreclosure notices. NB and CC will work on this before 12/31.

January Road meeting

We need to create the text for the postcard announcing the time and date of the road meeting and reminding residents the annual meeting will be on 3/21 at 9 am. CC/KP to print labels, consider reaching out to Write Stuff to have the postcards printed there.

In early January we will need to work on a PowerPoint for a 5 year plan, present bond costs and other information. (NB,SB and RTC)

Computers/Windows

I have added Windows extended coverage on NB and CC's computer. I was unable to do so for KP's computer at the window, I'm not sure why. It would be a good idea to have a group discussion regarding the computers and upgrading Trio to the Web. I have put some documents on the G drive under the subdirectory 'Computer'. There are notes I've taken that are not in any particular order summarized on an Excel sheet.

I will be back in the office 12/29

Clerk's Business- Trio has contacted us about the upgrading and is willing to offer the 1000.00 discount despite the deadline. They will contact us after the first of the year.

A contract for both SVF and the rescue have both been pulled from the files. They have not been upgraded since 2019. In addition to this, there is a very large amount of file information on numerous topics that should be extracted because they are obsolete or no longer pertinent.

A notice from BOFA was received concerning a portion of land on Union Hill Road that the owner was planning on removing from tree growth. The penalty amount would be 30,000.00 but the owner has not reached out yet.

Deputy Clerk- Are we able to make residents of the town more aware of the Fuel For Neighbors Fund? Most are unaware that this is a donation based pool. How can we get this out to residents? It was suggested that this be brought up at the town meeting.

Maintenance- Ken Dyer installed the security cameras. There will be a monthly fee involved so that the camera can be accessed via phone following a brief complimentary period.

Open Issues: S. Dupuis met with Emergency Management. There are two available courses : 100 Level and 700 Level. H. Drew would be heading this and a deputy would be appointed as well. R. Flint volunteered to act as deputy and filled this position.

Multiple dumpsters have been removed by Spectrum from the sand and salt shed. They are quite close to removing the remaining materials.

S. Dupuis will be taking a couple of webinars in to keep us current and to qualify for future FEMA grants.

New Business A. Broyer submitted an official letter of resignation, and we will investigate possibilities for a replacement

Road Report-There have been a couple minor of road issues including a recent accident involving a Sysco food truck.

Unfinished Business- A potential grant writer had inquired about the position advertised but they have been declined. We will continue exploring options.

As far as grants, B. Stafford says there isn't much available now.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be 1-13-2026 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Panno, Deputy Clerk