

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 02-24-2026

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

Present

Selectmen: S. Dupuis, R. Flint, S. Shute

Town Clerk: C. Carone (absent) **Deputy Clerk:** K Panno, **Treasurer:** N. Boros

Residents/Guests: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved 3-0

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved 3-0 from 2/10/2026 meeting

Clerks Business: N/A

Treasurers Report:

Cash \$731,776

Warrant # 12 68,550.73:

Select board: 3-0 approval is needed for the following transfers:

Please approve the transfer of \$1,660 from the Road Work Annual Maintenance account to the Sand and Salt Materials account for FYE 2025. This transfer is necessary because the Sand and Salt account went over budget by \$1,660.

Select board 3-0 approval

Please approve the transfer of \$38 from the Operating account to the Animal Welfare account for FYE 2025. This transfer is necessary because the Animal Welfare account's expenses exceeded revenues.

These transfers had been discussed prior and were presented at the Budget Committee meetings. The auditor requested they be memorialized in the SB minutes.

1. Confirm with Rob we should renew Microsoft office

2. Confirm with Rob we should renew Carbonite?

Both come due in March sometime

3. Ask Rob about security camera charges

4. Ask KP about photocopier. SB agreed that we will pay a yearly fee with Porter Machine and keep the existing copier.

5. Quick Books will renew in March for \$1,149

Foreclosure - I sent a memo and forwarded an email from the legal department regarding this. Our first steps are to investigate the whereabouts of the owner and then to send out a notice 90 days prior to advertising the land sale. There are details regarding determining

the asking price in the MMA manual that we should discuss with the realtor. We need to do more due diligence regarding the status of the owner.

Portland Press Herald Ads

I need the copy two days prior to publication.

The rate is \$1.73 per line Daily and \$2.37 per line on Sunday.

I can send you a proof and the cost before the ad runs.

Auditor will not bid or commence work if town's put the audit out for an RFP

We understand that some organizations may be considering issuing an RFP for 2026 audit services.

However, due to the significant upfront planning required, if we are your current auditor and there is a delay in commitment while an RFP process is conducted, we may not be able to complete the necessary preliminary work in a timely manner. In those situations, we would respectfully decline to participate in the bid process.

Clerks Business- Should we pay the yearly fees for the copier or explore other avenues? After discussion the SB agree to accept the yearly contract as opposed to obtaining our own machine.

Maintenance- Road limit signs will be posted in March.

Roads- Rob Pru reviewed the plans for Kezar Lake Road. Road repair bidding will be advertised in the Conway Daily Sun, the Portland Press Herald, and the Bridgton News. Bids will be received until the 17th of March and a decision will be made on the 24th of March.

Open Issues: We Still need to decide what avenue to take regarding Trio. This is to either host Trio here or utilize an offsite provider. After discussion, the decision was made to go through a provider.

R. Flint gave a report on his EMA training. Chiefly, there is an across the board procedure for towns so that there is not too much of a variation in disaster situations. We need to work on policy and procedure as well as expenditures that would occur during events. In addition, there needs to be communication and interaction protocol.

New Business. We need to come up with a policy as a way to monitor assistance for fuel and other support provided by the town.

Road Report- The road meeting that was held here at the town hall received very good feedback. B. Stafford will finalize the minutes from this meeting, and they will be submitted to the Road Committee for final approval before posting.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be 02/24/2026 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Panno, Deputy Clerk