

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 01/13/2025

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 **Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Panno **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros

Residents/Guests: Belle Stafford

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved 3-0

Approval of Minutes: Approval of 12/23/2026 Minutes

Treasures Report:

Cash: \$798,306

Warrant: \$36,973.49

Audit dates: week of Jan 20th

Budget meeting: 1/21

Road meeting 1/22

Me Dot Grant

I submitted the progress report indicating we had completed the engineering phase of the project.

We will submit for reimbursement of 95% of the \$15,000 engineering invoice (\$14,250).

FEMA

We received \$68,500 from FEMA on 1/7/2026.

The remaining balance of \$7,423 will not be released until all ME projects are closed out. We should not expect that anytime soon.

Road Meeting:

Ads announcing our road meeting will be in the CDS and Bridgton News. An announcement was sent out via our website.

It is posted on the bulletin board outside and inside the building and Christine is sending out postcard notifications.

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I forwarded to the board a Grant Project for land conservation from SMPDC

Clerks Business:

We have received notice that the copier will have a yearly rental fee as opposed to a “per copy” charge. We will investigate the costs of refurbished copiers as a possibility. K.Panno will do this.

There will be a change of hours on Mondays. The desired time will be 12:00-5:00.

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There has not yet been a response from Trio lately as far as program costs and change.

There has been a large amount of complaints concerning loose and unlicensed dogs. Some have been potentially aggressive. How should this be handled going forward?

Deputy Clerk’s – The faulty circuit board was replaced on the heat pump unit. The mice have already been chewing through the repaired .

Road Report: Rob Prue sent a hard copy of the plans for Kezar Lake Road. We will see if he can attend the February meeting.

We will be meeting with the Road Commission next week to line up on everything.

New Business : Emergency Management had a meeting with H. Drew and S. Dupuis. They received a report on McDonough Br dam and this will become part of the EM plan. The dam is owned by Oxford County Soil and Conservation.

R. Flint reports that the school board would like better communication with the town. It was suggested that our school board rep attend selectboard meetings regularly with updates.

S. Shute attended the Planning Board meeting and there was discussion of looking into a state appointed Code Enforcement Officer.

M. Peterson is stepping down as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

K. Dyer Brought up the topic of excessive speeding occurring on Chatham Rd by several residents. S. Dupuis will contact the sheriff department to request a patrol of the area.

Open Issues- S. Shute will create a schedule to obtain an estimate for a lawn contract this coming season.

R. Flint- We need to come up with a list of open spots for the town’s committees before the March meeting. We still need to narrow down a procedure for voting in nominations.

We are still in need of a sandwich board to advertise events and meetings.

Public Comment: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday 1/27/2026 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Panno