

## Selectman's Meeting 03/17/2026

Called to order at 6:01pm

In attendance: Josh Larrabee, Jeff Stevens, Mackensie Russell, BoJames Spaulding, and Mark Chadwick

Meeting Minutes from 03/03/2026 and results from Annual Town Meeting approved

All warrants were signed

Expense and revenue reports were reviewed and accepted

Jeff spoke to Troy Town office and received contact information for person who made veterans photo flags for telephone poles. The flags in Troy are 2' by 4' and cost roughly \$150.00 per banner with the mounting brackets.

Personal Property account 49 has a balance due \$37.40 from the year 2023, this account will be written off.

Mount View School called and asked to use the office parking lot in the summer as a pick up location for the summer food program for students.

Town property insurance valuation from MMA Josh signed the insurance contract for the year after verifying asset valuations.

Gale Cole Foundation will match the purchase of flags for the Town they will purchase up to 24 flags. Josh wanted me to ask Contessa how we usually handle it and where the funds normally come from to purchase flags.

Maine DOT sent email inquiring about interest in bidding for salt contract. Josh told Mackensie to respond, stating we are interested in receiving their bid.

Milton Cat sent a bill for truck parts on a truck the town does not own and did not order. Third bill in a year. Josh would like Contessa to close the account if possible, so we don't keep receiving these bills for things we don't order.

Billie Bryant, who helps with the flags, Josh would like Contessa to send him a letter to ask about flags and ask for contact information and see if he would be willing to attend a selectman's meeting.

Contessa wanted to clarify if the town office should be open on the last Saturday of the month until the drop box is installed. Josh stated that the town did not make the schedule change contingent on the drop box per his understanding, so the office should remain closed on the last Saturday of the month. Josh would like Contessa to order the drop box, and Josh will find someone to install it.

Shortened Election form stating that the Selectmen are in agreeance with running a shortened election period for the third Selectman's position so that the election can be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> with the primary election as there are not enough days for the normal length of election period. – Both Josh and Jeff signed this document.

Josh would like Jeff to reach out to the Code Enforcement officer that sent his information to the town a few months ago to see if he is still interested.

Clean up day Josh is going to reach out to Joe West to see if he is interested in helping on that day.

Solar Ordinance we have the option of writing our own or adopting Freedom's ordinance, we must have a public hearing to adopt before a special town meeting. Selectboard and mark agreed that is the best option.

Mark said he is going to speak with the school superintendent about integrating radon testing homes into a school program or sending kids home with test kits for their homes. He also picked up his petition paperwork for the third selectman position.

BoJames recorded the miles of the town on his truck at 29.6 miles including the extra section on Frye Mountain that was added this year and the small section of Unity that he plows to reach residents on the Weed Road. He asked about how Posting roads in Freedom would affect the route for the plow truck if the bridge on 137 in Freedom is to be replaced. He also asked about plowing the hydrants and its place on the next contract, he explained the difficulty of plowing them and the dangers for him and people driving on the roads while he is plowing them. He also brought some concerns and possible changes to the selectmen on the future snowplow contract.

Mackensie will post that snowplow contract is up for bid and draw up a draft plowing contract per BoJames's suggestions and present it to the select board.

Contessa wanted the Select Board to be aware that the budgeted salary for the Third Selectman has 2 months' worth still technically belongs to Willie and that upon election the new selectperson should only receive half of the years budgeted amount as they will only be serving for 6 months rather than the whole year. Both Josh and Jeff agreed.

**Meeting Closed 7:28pm**

Respectfully submitted by

Mackensie Russell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mackensie Russell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.