

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

Joint Meeting with Budget Committee

CALL TO ORDER:

Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Flag Salute.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Howard Burnham, Wade Andrews, Brady Connors

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Steve McLean, Lori Harmon, Dave Coleman, Susan Care, Stephanie Bishop, Dean and Lisa LePage, Jerry and Ellen Gilpatrick, Wendy Thorne, Rick Richardson, Charlie Pellegrino, Laurie Murphy, Cheryl Edgerly

MINUTES:

Approve minutes- December 15th and December 30th, Wade **motioned** to approve, Howard **seconded, all** in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept the warrants-Wade **motioned** to approve, Brady **seconded, two** in favor, **one** abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Budget Committee- Brady started by reading the draft warrant. The Budget Committee voted yes on all the donation requests, which were articles 3-8. They wanted to table article 9 to have the word changed from lake activities to invasive plants and boat monitoring. Wade **motioned** to make the change for the Select Board, Howard **seconded, all** in favor. Article 10 passed anonymously for the snowmobile club. The Budget Committee does not need to make a recommendation on Article 11, the Housekeeping Articles. Article 12 was about Revenues; figures were given by the Treasurer. There was some discussion on this article, the Budget Committee wanted to see Unassigned Fund come out of the question because the Town is not using anything from that fund in the question. Stephanie would like to see the Town use another \$300,000 from the Unassigned Fund as well as the \$326,000 that was voted on in August. The Board was not convinced that this amount is in the account, there are negative balances that are on the General Ledger. The Budget Committee voted to table article 12. Article 13 was recommended with a no vote by the Budget Committee which involved the Unassigned Account and moving money to the Contingency Account. Article 14 was for Select Board Support for \$127,139.00, the Budget Committee voted with a yes recommendation. Article 15 was for the Tax Collector Department, the Budget

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Committee voted a yes recommendation. Article 16 was for the Deputy Tax Collector for \$40,993.00, this article passes. Article 17 was for the Deputy Town Clerk for \$40,993.00, the article passes. Deedee did come up and spoke to these two positions. Article 18 is for the Town Clerk for \$62,308.00, there was a typo, so they tabled the article. Article 19 is for Earned Paid Leave, the green sheet did not match the total, and the Board needs to vote on this article during the regular meeting. Article 20 is to raise \$19,759.00 for Elections, this article passed for a yes recommendation. Article 21 is the Professional/Legal Account for \$163,126.00; this article was tabled as Lori is going to ask Julie for what outstanding PO we have and a better estimate for legal fees. Article 22 is for Unemployment and Workers Compensation for \$78,000.00, they voted a no recommendation on this article. Article 23, \$8,800 for Maine Pers Retirement. The Town gives up to 8.5% match for the employees enrolled, this article was given a no recommendation. Article 24 was for Health Insurance for \$102,408.00, there was a question with FICA/Medicare. This article passed with a yes recommendation. Article 25 is for General Assistance for \$18,275.0, this is the same as last year. The Budget Committee voted for a yes recommendation. Article 26 Administrative Costs for \$45,625.00, the Board will decide on this article during the meeting, it was tabled. Wade **motioned** to add an additional \$1,000.00 to website accessibility, Howard **seconded**, **all** in favor. Article 27, Town Buildings, we tabled this article, Lori had a few questions for the Treasurer. We have decided for a joint meeting on Thursday the 8th at 6PM.

Wade **motioned** to skip old business, Howard **seconded**, due to the time and weather, **all** in favor.

Lisa LePage, Historical Society-

Concern over a check that was to be paid to the Historical Society from the Recreation Department. It was held by one of the Board members and Lisa and the Society had no idea why or was asked any questions. She is asking that the Board please look into it from the Purchase Order and if they can get the check from the Treasurer.

Dean LePage- An issue with how the Board has signed and approved warrants without voting in a public meeting.

Hearing of Citizens

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Legal Accounts- Skipped

Municipal Parking Lot Paving Update-Skipped

Deepvale Update- Skipped

Budget Information- The Administrative budget was changed to \$45,625.00, the Board already voted on earlier. The Treasurer budget was presented for \$107,807.00, with the vacation taken out and FICA/Medicare adjusted, Wade **motioned**, Howard **seconded**, **all** in favor. The next budget was for Public Access for \$33,682.00, Wade **motioned**, Howard **seconded**, **all** in favor. Earned Paid Leave was next, we need to raise and appropriate \$9,689.00, Howard **motioned** to

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approve, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor. The Board needs to decide to add the question for the \$326,000.00 to offset tax commitment and the Capital Project Reserve question. This is from August 18th, 2025, minutes when the Board decided the mill rate for taxes. Brady **motioned** to add to ballot, Wade **seconded**, two in favor, one abstained. Gail is going to email the Board about the Capital Project question she would like to see on the ballot. Wade **motioned** that anywhere on ballot that says Undesignated to Unassigned Fund, Howard **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Discuss System Administrator- Skipped

Discussion of new Auditing Firm- Howard mentioned looking for a single CPA instead of an auditing firm.

SOP Grant Update- Skipped

Recreation Director- Skipped

YCSWCD Grant-Skipped

Public Vote for March 13th for Public Hearings-Can have 2/12 but no 2/5 or 2/7.

Job descriptions for Deputy Positions-The Town Clerk and Tax Collector are reviewing job descriptions.

New Business:

Not enough salt/sand at the Town Shed- The Board discussed sending a corrective letter to the plowing contractor for lack of salt/sand at Town Shed. The Board received pictures today of the piles and it is not 2000yds.

Appointments and Resignations:

Sign Appointment Papers for Fire Chief-The Board will sign at the end of the meeting.

Discussion of Agenda Items- Public:

None

Correspondence:

None

ADJOURN MEETING: Howard **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded** at 9:45PM; **all** were in favor.

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These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Wednesday January 28, 2026

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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