

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2025

Present: Pamela Grotton, Robert Clark, Jr., and Claudia Orff-Reed

Meeting Called to Order: 5:01 pm

Meeting Minutes Approved: June 16, 2025 (3-0)

Handouts: D.O.T. Hotel Bridge, Town Clerk Resumes

GLIDDEN BRIDGE UPDATE:

- Lynne stated the Fire Department has reached out to the State several times but hasn't received a response.
- Pam will contact Maine Municipal Legal to find out where the responsibility falls if something happens when crossing the bridge with vehicles over the weight limit, and liability in the event of a fire where the fire department is unable to get to scene.

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- ATKINS ROAD – Wayne cleaned out the culvert near the property of Linda & Wayne Bailey – the beavers have blocked it up.
- HOTEL BRIDGE – the Select Board received a letter with information about the repair to the Hotel Bridge that's going to take place.
- NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD ESTIMATE –
 - Claudia provided an estimate of the hourly rate from Nathan Northrup, but he still needs to know the length of the road and how far back to cut. *Sl Flaggers required stated in his estimate*
 - Wayne provided the road length (3 ½ miles). Wayne also indicated that we would need to hire flaggers for the time frame too. *For Nathan*
 - The Select Board also requested that Wayne provide an estimate for the job.

ANDREW WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP:

- Discussion was had about combining the Andrew Williamson Scholarship with the Jefferson Scholarships.
- If this is done, Biz Williamson would like a position on the committee.
- Lynne will contact Biz and define exactly what she meant by combining the scholarships.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

- Colvin update:
 - Pam will contact the DEP to identify what is still outstanding on their end.
 - Donald has reported that the shed has been sold and will be removed on 07/15/2025.
 - The Colvin's put in an After-the-Fact Building Permit and paid the fines – the Planning Board denied the permit after they reviewed it.
 - The Colvin's put in a tree cutting permit to cut three trees on the property. They claim the neighbors came in and cut down trees on their property. Pictures from a number of sources have been sent in for review. Donald will take a look at everything and try to figure out from all the information to determine the outcome for the tree issues.
 - Tom Proudly contacted Donald and wants to know when the Colvin's will begin being charged the fines.
- 630 Gardiner Road
 - Donald received another call from Lincoln County Sheriff's office about condemning the property at this address. According to the Sheriff's office, they have put another camper on the lot (Map/Lot = 027-004-1 – Lorna Cole, owner). The Select Board determined that the Town does not own the property so the Town can't do anything about it, it's up to the homeowner to get the people out.
- Donald stated that the verbiage regarding how long an individual can reside in a *camper* mobile home on a piece of property is no longer in the Building Ordinance. He will check further to be sure.

TOWN OFFICE UPDATE:

- The boards over the entryway are not rotting, they are in good shape, per the contractors and they just need a coat of paint (special marine paint).
- Both the door from the outside into the "new clerk's space" and the door near the copier need to be replaced. The estimate is approximately \$500 per door.

- After some discussion, a motion was made to close the Town Office on Thursday, July 17, 2025, in order to relocate the clerks to their new space and allow time for setup after the move – seconded (3-0) – Signs to be posted on the doors and on the website.
- Lynne to contact Mark Doe to see if he knows of anyone who might be able to assist in moving.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENT (Alexander Ciskowski):

- Alex discussed the 2026 Hazzard Survey. He's completed most of the paperwork and requires the Select Board signatures. He's been asked to forward the application for Lynne. This is a renewal, which happens every five years.
- Being a part of this group allows the Town access to funds to possibly help us in the repair of the culvert under the Glidden Bridge, which has had its weight limits reduced and has become an issue for the Fire Department to get vehicles to the possible fire locations between the Glidden Bridge and it's counterpart the Somerville Bridge, which also has weight restrictions.

DONNA WILLIAMS:

- Donna Williams was present to discuss the following issues:
 - Why is there no tax revenue listed in the Treasurer's Report in the Town Report? – Lynne indicated that there has never been in all her years as Treasurer. Pam and Lynne discussed seeing about getting the information in the next Town Report.
 - Why are we collecting Building Permit Fees – she feels there is no need, and more people will put in applications without the fees. It was explained that those fees help pay for the Code Enforcement Officer's salary among other things.
 - Why are we paying an agent fee on the registering motor vehicles with BMV? – it was explained that the fees are set by the BMV and come to the town and are used to help offset taxes.

Approved the Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$27,921.12.

The Select Board entered the Executive Session at 6:30 pm for personnel matters 1 M.R.S §405(6)(A).

The Select Board exited the Executive Session at 6:38 pm.

No votes were taken.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Pamela J. Holton
John M.
Claudia Orff-Read