

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2025

Present: Pamela Grotton and Claudia Orff-Reed

Meeting Called to Order: 5:04 pm

Meeting Minutes Approved: August 11, 2025 (2-0)

Handouts:

99 SUNRISE PARK ROAD:

- Bill Farren was present and updated the Select Board about the ongoing issue at 99 Sunrise Park Road.
 - The shed was removed on 08/20/2025.
 - On 08/21/2025 Donald Waltz, Bill Farren, and Colin Clark (from the Maine DEP) went for a site visit and were met by Marlene, Matthew, and David Colvin.
 - Colin says we have a clear case against the homeowners. Google maps show two separate pictures of before and after photos showing exactly what has been removed. He stated that we need to send a Notice of Violation to the Colvin's, and they will need to pay to have an evaluation done on how to rebuild the vegetation that's been removed.
 - Bill indicated that he and Donald will work on getting that Notice out.

RESIDENTS WERE HEARD ABOUT THE MIL RATE AND TAXES:

- Present: Craig Hodgkins, Lisa Hodgkins, Bruce Sedgwick, Dana Bond, Richard Parlin, and Wayne Parlin.
- Lisa Hodgkins was concerned about the mil rate increasing as a result of the Town having to use the school budget that was most recently passed by the School Board, but voted down by the Town of Jefferson, to commit the 2025 taxes. – It was explained that the Town is following the law with regard to the school budget figures we must use to calculate and commit the taxes.
- There was further discussion about what would happen if the school budget passed for less and where the surplus money would go. – Pam indicated that it would go back to the residents of the Town of Jefferson.
- Richard Parlin wanted it on record that the some of the residents are on a fixed income and would not be able to afford the tax increase.
- Discussion was had about delaying the tax commitment to a later date, after the school budget passed. – The Select Board reminded the residents that both the municipality and the school have been spending since January 1st and that the Town does not have income coming in until the tax bills are sent and taxpayers begin making their payments.
- Discussion was had about the laws causing the increases to the budget. – The Select Board and Wayne Parlin (member of the School Committee) indicated that the laws get made and changed in Augusta and that talking with their Representatives and asking them to take it to the State might be the way to go.
- It was also recommended to Wayne Parlin that the school look into additional State funding to help ease the taxpayer's burden.

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- North Mountain Road – Wayne finished ditching and putting in the culverts, he hasn't cut the trees yet and still has to pave the entrances.

TAX COMMITMENT:

- Lynne presented five choices of possible mil rates to the Select Board.
- Discussion took place about the rate and the amount of overlay.
- A motion was made to select the mil rate of .014750 with the overlay of \$23.023.26. – Seconded (2-0)

GLIDDEN BRIDGE AND THE SALT SHED REPORTS:

- SALT SHED:
 - The report on the Salt Shed came back from the Engineer – it stated there are a few trees that should be cut down near the shed and there should be more sloping away from the shed.
 - Pam asked Wayne to get an estimate on cutting down the trees and adding more slope to the area around the shed.
 - Wayne gave a rough estimate on what the concrete would cost, approximately \$18,000.
 - Pam will let Wayne know about the Salt Shed after talking Robert about it.
- GLIDDEN BRIDGE:
 - There was an estimate in the report for the culvert alone of \$78,000.
 - Pam will set up a meeting with Eric, Wayne and Claudia to go to the bridge and further discuss the options.

OTHER:

- Dana Bond was in to discuss the lights on the outside of the Town Office building. Something has changed causing them to aim directly into his house. – Pam to check with the Darin Walker to see if the Fire Department had something that would allow them to reach and redirect the light.

Approved the Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$163,024.15.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Pamela J. Holtor
Claudia Duff-Read