

# Town of Burnham

Select Board Minutes for  
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Present: S. Huff, B. Chase R. Basford and five others

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to accept the August 26, 2024, select board minutes; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to accept Warrant # 36 Payroll; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (BC) seconded by (SH) to accept Warrant # 37; vote was unanimous.

The select board and Carl Creasey discussed the complaints the town office has received regarding damage in the cemeteries, 1 grave marker & 1 stone bench. Carl is working with both residents to replace the grave marker and repair the bench seat. No action was taken.

Brian Croft discussed the High-Power Transmission Line Ordinance that was just passed and suggested the Ordinance be brought back to KVCOG to be amended, due to his recent discussions with CMP. No action was taken.

Sherri Thornton discussed the conversation she had with the DEP regarding the hand dug wells on the property behind her house and the flooding caused by the plugged culvert under the railroad tracks, beside Rt. 100. The select board asked that the railroad be contacted again to see when they are going to fix the collapsed culvert, which was due to be fixed this past Spring.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to put out to bid the repairs needed at the town office, from the MMA inspection report; vote was unanimous.

The select board discussed the request, by the MDOT RR manager, to close the Winnecook Rd for 2 days to replace the RR crossing by Young Lane, and later place a bypass by the other RR crossing, for one lane of traffic, to replace that RR crossing. The select board and road commissioner decided that it would be best to ask if the RR crossing by Young Lane wait until next summer, as to not interfere with the school buses and give the town and RR manager time to come up with a plan to fix this section of road, to support the RR crossing replacement.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to decline the request by the MDOT to use the N. Horseback Rd as a bypass to the Rt. 100 closure coming late 2025 early 2026 to replace the two bridges on Rt. 100 between the Webb Road and the town of Pittsfield. The select board and road commissioner decided they would post the N. Horseback Rd at that time to heavy traffic to preserve the N. Horseback Rd, as the closure of Rt. 100 from the Troy Rd to Pittsfield, to through traffic, will be a long-time frame.

The select board discussed the Maine DEP inspection report which took place August 26, 2024. Rick Basford stated he would replace the Fire extinguishers at the Transfer station. The select board discussed setting up an account with a company from Newport to take care of any freon left in any appliances at the Transfer station. The select board also discussed the tires needing to be in a separate pile, and not in the roll off cans. Signs also need to be made, to designate the separate locations for tires, metal, appliances etc.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to send a resident a supplemental bill for a Farmland removal penalty; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to approve an abatement for account #620, for a supplemental bill that was created in error; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (RB) seconded by (SH) to suspend the select board meeting and enter Executive session – Personnel matters 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A); vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to Executive session – Personnel matters 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) and reopen the select board meeting; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (SH) seconded by (BC) to approve 5 hours each of vacation time and sick time, a month, for Susan King; vote was unanimous.

Motion made by (SH) and seconded by (BC) to adjourn meeting @ 8:53 PM; vote was unanimous.

