

Town of Burnham
"Home of Lake Winnecook"
SELECT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Monday September 28, 2026

PRESENT: Rick Basford (Chairman of Select Board), Micah O'Brien (Select Person), Stacy Patterson (Administrative Assistant) and 2 others – Roderick Pease & Sherri Thornton

7:00 pm: R. Basford called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15, 2026 Select Board Meeting Minutes approved on motion made by R. Basford. Seconded by M. O'Brien.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

1. M. O'Brien made a motion to approve **Payroll Warrant #40** in the amount of **\$5,637.91**. Seconded by R. Basford.
2. M. O'Brien made a motion to approve **Warrant #41** in the amount of **\$17,761.20**. Seconded by R. Basford.

APPOINTMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Officer, Sherri Thornton, discussed posting a **Notice of Inhabitability** on a mobile home at 30 North Horseback, as per one of the owner's request, after an initial inspection a year ago. Residents and/or owners will contact and set up a time with Sherri to be able to enter the trailer to retrieve belongings, until further notice.
2. Board briefly discussed an email from MMA regarding the need for a Special Town Meeting to vote to approve the purchase of the **new fire truck**, accept the FEMA grant and appropriate the amount of the grant (\$523,809.52) from the undesignated fund (if needed) towards the purchase, provided that the grant will then reimburse the undesignated fund. It was agreed to have Fire Chief Charlie King come into the next Select Board Meeting.

7:30 pm – R. Basford made a motion to recess the Select Board meeting and open the **General Assistance Ordinance Appendices for 2026-2027 Hearing**. Seconded by M. O'Brien.

- After reviewing the new appendices, R. Basford made a motion to adopt the new 2026-2027 appendices. Seconded by M. O'Brien.
- R. Basford made a motion to go back into the Select Board Meeting. Seconded by M. O'Brien.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. After some discussion, R. Basford made a motion to approve the following **abatements**:
2026 - Acct. #916 in the amount of \$547.37 (house in very poor condition)
2026, 2025, 2024 – Acct. #38 for a total amount of \$85.43 (lot split missed)
Seconded by M. O'Brien.
2. R. Basford made a motion to sign the **Supplemental Tax Warrants** and approve the following **supplemental tax bills**:
2026, 2025 and 2024 – Acct. #1320 for a total amount of \$401.16 (new lot not assessed)
2026 – Acct. #181 in the amount of \$854.13 (missed mobile home/not assessed for 2026)
Seconded by M. O'Brien.
3. R. Basford made a motion to accept the **resignation** of John J. Tansey as a backup transfer station attendant. Seconded by M. O'Brien.
4. It was agreed to **reschedule** the next Select Board Meeting to **Tuesday October 13, 2026** at 7 pm since the town office would be closed on October 12th for Columbus Day, and also reschedule the regular Planning Board Meeting to a different night. Notice to be posted on the door of the Town Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. R. Basford made a motion to go into **Executive Session** to discuss the animal seizure case from 2025 – Consultations with legal counsel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E). Seconded by M. O'Brien.
2. R. Basford made a motion to go back into **Open Session**. Seconded by M. O'Brien. No action taken.

REMINDERS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

9:03 pm – R. Basford made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by M. O'Brien.

MINUTES SUBMITTED: By Stacy Patterson - Administrative Assistant/Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer

Rudy Basford
M. O'Brien