

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
STETSON TOWN OFFICE BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

Vice Chair Jody Lyford opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Roll Call

All Select Board members present: Chairman Millard Butler via Zoom, Vice Chair Jody Lyford, Michael Kamorski, Les Merrill and Webster Young.

B. Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025

Resolution: #065-011426

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Lyford, and voted (3-0-2) to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025. Abstained: Merrill, Young. Motion passed.

C. Quit Claim Deeds – None

D. Treasurer's Warrants

1. Bangor Payroll Warrant #13

Resolution: #066-011426

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #13. Motion passed.

2. Bangor Payroll Warrant #14

Resolution: #067-011426

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #14. Motion passed.

3. Bangor Payroll Warrant #15

Resolution: #068-011426

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #15. Motion passed.

4. Expenditures Warrant #14

Resolution: #069-011426

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Expenditures Warrant #14. Motion passed.

E. Board of Assessors – None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Assessor's Position

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the Town has received a proposal from RCS for remote assessing work and that she has also been speaking with Garnett Robinson of Dixmont whose service may be more in line with the type of assessing services that the Town has currently. She said that she wants to speak Danielle Davis the current assessor who she anticipates will be in the office in the upcoming week to fulfill her hours. Jody Lyford said that she prefers to have an assessor present in the office and would like to reach out to RCS to offer them the opportunity to adjust their proposal. With five months left of the fiscal year, she asked if the Board would consider a 17-month contract. Board members, Kamorski, Merrill, and Chairman Butler agreed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Banking and Credit Card Authorization Changes

Resolution: #070-011426

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski, and voted unanimously (5-0) to add Charlotte Norman as an authorized signer to all Maine Savings Bank accounts. Motion passed.

B. Tax Collector Appointment

Resolution: #071-011426

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Young, and voted unanimously (5-0) to appoint Charlotte Norman as Tax Collector for the Town of Stetson with a term to expire June 30, 2026. Motion passed.

C. Motor Vehicle Agent

Resolution: #072-011426

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Young, and voted unanimously (5-0) to appoint Charlotte Norman as Bureau of Motor Vehicle Agent for the Town of Stetson. Motion passed.

D. Town Parking Lots – Plowing

Michael Kamorski added this item to the agenda out of concern for the ice at the library and food cupboard parking lots and asked if these properties were included in the plowing contract.

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that it has been in the past.

Road Commissioner William Barriault said that he told the contractor that plowing wasn't part of the contract because he didn't think that the food cupboard was a town property and that the contract states that the library clean up should be done with hand tools. He also said that there was no control over sand being used for other properties and disagrees that the town should be responsible.

Vice Chair Lyford said that she knows that the town has taken care of the food cupboard parking lot in the past.

Michael Kamorski said that he isn't proposing changes to the contract, but that the food cupboard is run by volunteers working all hours often carrying loads into the building and that they shouldn't be expected to take care of the parking lot. He stated that his position is that the food cupboard is a not-for-profit business and the town should take care of it.

Alex Nesbitt (via Zoom) said that the food cupboard is renting town property and the questions are whether the volunteers are going to bring buckets of sand and take care of the parking lot themselves or whether the town will be responsible for it. He thanked the town for hard work and dedication.

Michael Kamorski said that this matter should be worked into future contracts. He also said that he appreciates the work done by William Barriault, Road Commissioner.

Chairman Butler said that the Town should consider an addendum to future contracts.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Animal Control

Michael Kamorski relayed that ACO Danielle Withee questioned why Rita was asked to post a notice that late fees for dog licenses will be levied on unlicensed dogs after January 31st and not herself.

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that Rita is the person who generally posts notices and in hindsight, it should have been included in the newsletter.

Michael Kamorski asked about the notice being posted on the website.

Vice Chair Lyford said that she is making a note to post the notice on the website going forward.

Chairman Butler asked if it was the ACO's responsibility and if it was in her contract and said that it should be determined who has the responsibility of this task from here on.

B. Appeals Board – None

C. Cemetery

Vice Chair Lyford said that the flags have been returned.

D. Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector/E911- None

E. Education

Steven Ingalls said that the boiler in the elementary school has shut down and a back-up is being used. He also said that there was a sewer back up at the high school due to roots growing inside of the pipes and will result in a future expenditure.

F. Emergency Preparedness – None

G. Fire Department/EMT/Rescue

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that she has been in contact with Molly from MMA in regards to a Stetson fire truck that the Town of Levant used for an event and had an incident with a Brewer truck that caused damage to the truck but that the damage will be repaired at no cost to the Town of Stetson because the driver of the Brewer truck was at fault.

H. Library – None

I. Meeting House

Vice Chair Lyford said that MMA did an inspection and found minor issues that she will address with those who use the Meeting House.

J. Ordinance

Michael Kamorski said that the ordinance committee met regarding the proposed comprehensive plan and will be announcing an upcoming open session in February. He said he plans to have the draft posted on the website.

K. Parks & Recreation – None

L. Planning Board – None

M. Recycling & Solid Waste Collection

Vice Chair Lyford said that a resident brought a photo of damage to a bin that the Town replaced. She said that she will be contacting the manufacturer because the warranty is still in effect.

N. Road Commissioner

Road Commissioner William Barriault said that he appreciates the job that Les Merrill is doing on the roads and that his only comment is that he is using too much sand. Vice Chair Jody Lyford agreed that the amount of sand being used is more than necessary.

William Barriault said that he received a message a while back from the Exeter Town Manager about a culvert that needed to be replaced at a property on the Stetson/Exeter town line. He said that he has purchased the correct culvert but was not going to do the ditching and wanted the town to know that he is in possession of the culvert and that he has done his part.

William Barriault also said that part of the salt shed door still isn't fixed after being sent the wrong part.

Vice Chair Lyford said that she brought the MMA inspector to the salt shed who pointed out an issue with the rafters. She said he advised to keep it swept off the sill and not to let the sand overflow.

O. State Legislative Correspondence – None

P. Treasurer

Vice Chair Jody Lyford referred to a treasurer's update included in the packets.

Q. Welfare Director – None

R. Other - None

V. TRAINING

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Ingalls asked about Rapid Renewal.

Town Clerk, Lisa Ronco said that she has contacted Informe twice and expects that they will be in touch to begin the implementation.

Steven Ingalls asked when the deadline will be for the next newsletter.

Jody Lyford said that the newsletter deadline will be March 1st.

William Barriault said that he received a call from the TDS contractor asking about maintenance on a list of roads that the town does not maintain.

Steven Ingalls said that he noticed someone installing fiber on Mount Pleasant Road and that he reached out for information and learned that the plan is to install fiber through the rest of the Town. He added that the ME Connectivity Authority – Moosenet has higher capacity fiber passing through Stetson on Route 222.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Michael Kamorski said that he appreciates the patience through the recent transitions in the office. He and Vice Chair Jody Lyford agreed that Charlotte Norman, recently hired Deputy Clerk, has been well received and is doing a great job.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: #073-011426

***MOTION:** Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Butler, Chair

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair

Michael Kamorski

Leslie Merrill

Webster Young