

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 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

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

B. Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

Resolution: #074-012826

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026.

Motion passed.

C. Quit Claim Deeds- None

D. Treasurer's Warrants

1. Bangor Payroll Warrant #16

Resolution: #075-012826

MOTION: Merrill, seconded: Kamorski, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #16. Motion passed.

2. Expenditures Warrant #15

Resolution: #076-012826

MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Lyford, and voted (3-0-1) to approve Expenditures Warrant #15. Motion passed. Abstained: Merrill.

Motion passed.

E. Board of Assessors – None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Assessor's Position

Garnett Robinson, owner and operator and Josh Bragan of Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services, Inc. was present to discuss the vacant assessor's agent position for the Town of Stetson. He said that he wanted to get an idea of the Board's expectations for the position and said that after looking into the Town's assessing records, his existing

workload would not allow for the time needed to make adjustments townwide and wanted to make the Town aware of the issues that need to be addressed and what he is able to do. He said that there has not been a townwide revaluation since 2005 resulting in the Town's properties being undervalued and that the last time the tax maps were updated was 2014. He also said that most towns have digital assessing information and with no digital sketches or photos, it is difficult to access information. He said that the Town is certified at 80% and could be dropping to 70% or mid-60%. Mr. Robinson said he could work one day per month to do deed transfers and other pick-up work, but that there should be a plan for a future revaluation because there are too many errors to fix and that the most important thing is that properties need to be equally assessed with like properties being comparable which is why a townwide revaluation is necessary.

Chairman Butler said that there was a more recent revaluation approximately five years ago.

Garnett Robinson said that it is more likely that an adjustment had been done and not a revaluation because it would be apparent in the Town's Municipal Valuation Return and that the Town's State Assessing Representative confirmed that the last revaluation was done in 2005.

Chairman Butler said that he would contact the former Assessor's Agent to get clarification on the most recent revaluation.

Steve Ingall said that he also believed that there was a more recent revaluation.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sand & Salt Shed

Road Commissioner William Barriault said that he drove by the sand & salt shed last Thursday and noticed that the door appeared broken and contacted Select Board Member Les Merrill.

Les Merrill said it seemed that someone opened the door and backed into the shed so he called PDQ Doors Inc. He said that the PDQ Doors employee said that the door couldn't be opened or fixed in the state that it was in and that it had to be removed. He also said that a member of the Sheriff's Department said that it looked as if someone damaged the door trying to back out of the shed. Select Board Member Merrill said that he bought a lock for the side door and that he has been getting quotes for the repair.

Road Commissioner Barriault said that the door hadn't been fixed since the original problem although the Town paid \$2,500 which will be credited toward the repairs or replacement whichever needs to be done. He said that there will be two quotes- one for the repair of the door of \$2,612.90 noting that he was contacted at a later time and made aware that a repair would require a new motor at an additional cost of \$2,400.00. He said the quote for a replacement door would be \$8,403.99. He said the time frame for repair would be this coming Saturday and for a replacement door it would be six to eight weeks. He said that the quotes do not include the loss of approximate 3-4 yards of missing sand.

Select Board Member Kamorski said that the insurance company should be made aware of the motor issue.

Chairman Butler said it would be best to make a decision after consulting with the insurance company.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Animal Control - None

B. Appeals Board - None

C. Cemetery - None

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

E. Education – Steve Ingalls said that the school board meeting was cancelled due to the weather and will be held this coming Monday.

F. Emergency Preparedness – Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the Town is seeking a volunteer for a warming center.

G. Fire Department/EMT/Rescue - None

H. Library - None

I. Meeting House – None

J. Ordinance – Select Board Member Kamorski said that there will be a notice of an upcoming meeting on Monday, February 23rd at 6PM for the proposed comp plan and proposed food sovereignty ordinance.

K. Parks & Recreation - None

L. Planning Board - None

M. Recycling & Solid Waste Collection - None

N. Road Commissioner – Road Commissioner William Barriault said there is a new resident on Burleigh Road having a water problem at the end of her driveway and she asked about looking at it in Spring to see if a culvert is necessary.

O. State Legislative Correspondence - None

P. Treasurer - None

Q. Welfare Director - None

R. Other - None

V. TRAINING

It was noted that Charlotte Norman will be attending BMV classes on 2/10 and 2/11.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Barriault commented that the cost for repair of the sand & salt shed door is an estimate but the cost for a replacement is the actual cost.

He also said that more sand and salt will be delivered.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Michael Kamorski said that the winter road conditions in town have been excellent.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: #077-012826

***MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 7:00 PM.
Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Butler, Chair

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair

Michael Kamorski

Leslie Merrill

Webster Young