

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
STETSON TOWN OFFICE BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

A. Roll Call

Select Board members present: Chairman Millard Butler, Vice Chair Jody Lyford, Michael Kamorski, and Leslie Merrill. Absent: Webster Young. Administrative Assistant, Lisa Ronco was also present.

B. Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2025

Resolution 032-092425

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill, and voted (3-1) to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025. Abstained: Butler. Motion passed.

C. Quit Claim Deeds

Sullivan, David Map 012- Lot 020-005

Resolution 033-092425

MOTION: Butler, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (4-0) to sign the quit claim deed for David Sullivan, Map 012 Lot 020-005. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Warrants

1. Bangor Payroll Warrant #7

Resolution 034-092425

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #7. Motion passed.

2. Expenditures Warrant #6

Resolution 035-092425

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Expenditures Warrant #6. Motion passed.

3. Expenditures Corrective Warrant #7

Resolution 036-092425

MOTION: Butler, seconded: Lyford and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Expenditures Corrective Warrant #7. Motion passed.

E. Board of Assessors

Assessor's Agent, Danielle Davis was present. She reported a \$7,000,000.00 increase to Stetson's valuation since last year and that the total valuation is \$109,584,957.00. She also said that the mil rate could be set between 16.18 and 16.97, but suggested keeping it the same at 16.85.

Resolution 037-092425

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Butler and voted unanimously (4-0) to set the mil rate at 16.85 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dead River

Chairman Butler said that the oil tanks have been drained and disconnected, but that a pick up should be scheduled.

B. Sand & Salt Shed Door

Select Board Member Leslie Merrill said that a wrong part was ordered by the company for the sand & salt shed door and he expects the correct part to be delivered in 2-3 weeks.

C. Meeting House Glassware

Vice Chair, Jody Lyford said that Julie Brownie looked at the meeting house glassware and isn't certain as to what she wants. She also said that the Carmel Antique Mall has not yet replied.

D. Security Cameras

Select Board Member Michael Kamorski said that the costs for having a security camera system is in the storage of the data, but that it could be offset by adjusting the length of time the footage is stored, and suggested storing footage for one week. Chairman Butler agreed that one week is reasonable.

Michael Kamorski said that approximate costs are in the range of \$800-\$1,000.

Chairman Butler said that this item was not budgeted for and asked if there was another budget that could fund the security camera purchase.

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair said that the building and town charges budget has been increased with funds for flooring in the all-purpose room as well.

Michael Kamorski said that the initial investment of \$1,000 would be considered mid-range and that there would be no need to purchase extended storage if the footage is stored for five to seven days.

Chairman Butler asked if the footage would be stored in-house and if would there be a security company monitoring the footage. Select Board Member Kamorski said that the footage would remain in-house and that the town would be responsible for monitoring the footage.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sale of Fire Truck #711

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that there was a vote in June to sell Truck 711 but that it has not been done. Chairman Butler asked Les Merrill, liaison to the fire department, to contact Eric and report back to the full Board.

B. Fire Danger Sign

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that a resident complained that the fire danger sign has not been changed or updated and asked if the town would consider removing the sign. Chairman Butler said that he is in favor of removing the sign.

C. Penobscot County Assessor's Return

Resolution 038-092425

MOTION: Butler, seconded: Lyford and voted unanimously (4-0) to pay the Penobscot County Assessor's Return in the amount of \$210,138.82. Motion passed.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Animal Control

Select Board Member Kamorski reported that training updates are specified on the State's Animal Welfare Program web page and that he reached out to the ACO regarding an update on her training records.

B. Appeals Board

C. Cemetery

D. There was discussion regarding moveable rocks at the cemetery.

E. Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector/E911

F. Education

Steven Ingalls reported the following: that there are vacancies in the special education program and that enrollment is up from the end of June, the electrical signs at the elementary school are no longer under warranty, that the water softener issue is still

ongoing, the school is replacing a tractor, and there was a presentation of a conceptual plan for a new athletic complex and that the master plan that will integrate the conceptual plan with the athletic fields. He said that Superintendent Sperry would be reaching out about community engagement to be added to the newsletter.

- G. Emergency Preparedness
- H. Fire Department/EMT/Rescue
- I. Library
- J. Meeting House

K. Ordinance

Select Board Member Kamorski said that the comprehensive planning committee had their final meeting last month.

Vice Chair Lyford asked for an update on the Food Sovereignty Ordinance. Select Board Member Kamorski said that the Ordinance is under legal review and will require a vote.

- L. Parks & Recreation
- M. Planning Board
- N. Recycling & Solid Waste Collection
- O. Road Commissioner
- P. State Legislative Correspondence
- Q. Treasurer
- R. Welfare Director
- S. Other

V. TRAINING

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the Levant Town Clerk would be coming to the office this coming Monday for training on treasury work.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Ingalls asked about the sale of the old landfill that was approved by the voters. Chairman Butler said that the right of way would go with the deed if sold and said that because some of the property is not considered to be usable, the new owner would be need to be made aware if the property is sold. It was discussed that the solar company determined that there was an area that solar panels could be placed if put on blocks. Chairman Butler said that he would speak with the Town Manager in Levant. It was also noted that the phone company mentioned during the solar process that they would be interested in selling the building.

VII. SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Select Board Member Kamorski said that the issues at the ranch were discussed at the last meeting and that citizens expressed safety concerns. He asked if there was any type of articulation agreement or if the town knows what the functions of the ranch were.

Chairman Butler said the ranch is under no obligation to the town regarding their activities.

Michael Kamorski asked if a town representative could meet with Director, Lucy Underhill for a discussion.

Steven Ingalls said that Ms. Underhill was appreciative that he expressed concerns with her directly and that she would likely have to speak with management about setting up a meeting.

Chairman Butler said that he was in favor of Select Board Member Kamorski reaching out to Lucy Underhill.

Steven Ingalls also mentioned the PILOT program he had discussed at the last meeting for payment in lieu of property taxes since they are a non-profit organization with multiple sites around New England with a gross income of \$2.5 million last year. He said that they utilize the town's resources each time there is an incident. Chairman Butler asked Select Board Member Kamorski to consider the subject in his conversation with Ms. Underhill.

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that some towns post a public notice for cemetery cleaning in the fall so that people can remove their decorative items from gravesites by Veterans Day.

Select Board Member Leslie Merrill encouraged the other members to see the improvements made to the sand shed. He said that trees and shrubbery have been removed and it looks better than it has in the past.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 039-092425

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Butler, Chair

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair

Michael Kamorski

Leslie Merrill

Webster Young