

**TOWN OF STETSON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
STETSON TOWN OFFICE BOARD ROOM
CORRECTED MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

Chairman Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2025

Resolution 040-100825

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2025. Motion passed.

C. Quit Claim Deeds - Benjamin Butler/Coboro Cemetery Lot 14 & Lot 28

Resolution 041-100825

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski, and voted (4-1) to approve the Cemetery Conveyances for Benjamin Butler, Coboro Cemetery Lots 14 & 28.

Abstained: Butler. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Warrants

1. Bangor Payroll Warrant #8

Resolution 042-100825

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #8. Motion passed.

2. Expenditures Warrant #8

Resolution 043-100825

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Young, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Expenditures Warrant #8. Motion passed.

E. Board of Assessors - None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dead River

Chairman Butler said that he will be calling Dead River to schedule removal of the tanks.

B. Meeting House Glassware

Julie Brownie said she will be taking a place setting for four for the Historical Society.

C. Security Cameras

The consensus was that purchasing security cameras will be put on hold until they can be budgeted for.

D. Sale of Fire Truck #711

Fire Chief Eric Strout was present to discuss the sale of Fire Truck #711 with the Board. He said that truck needs valves to be replaced, but is otherwise in great shape if the Board decided to sell it and replace it with a smaller apparatus. He said that the truck has a market value of approximately \$25,000 and can also be kept going as long as there are no major issues. The Fire Chief also said the truck has had monthly servicing and new tires. And recommends keeping the truck for a few more years and getting an estimate on the valves which would last five – ten years. Regional partnerships instead of districts in the future which could impact mutual aid were discussed. Chairman Butler expressed concern that there isn't a contract in place. Chief Strout said that the regional partnership can be revisited in July and recommends keeping things the way they are until then and said that with a regional partnership, having an apparatus is an huge asset that would represent a huge cost savings.

E. Cemetery Cleaning Ad

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that some time has passed since she had mentioned placing an ad for cemetery clean up in time for Veteran's Day. There was a consensus of the Board to place an ad so that people can remove decorative items making it easier to clean up by Veterans Day.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stetson Dump Property

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that she spoke to a realtor about the former dump property in Levant. She said that the land is assessed at \$18,600 for 12.4 acres, four of which are useable. Vice Chair Lyford said that she has located an address for the abutter if the Town wanted to send a letter offering the property for sale.

Chairman Butler said that the State DEP does annual inspections while the property owner is responsible for bush-hogging. Chairman Butler said that there is no value to the town in keeping the property.

B. Trash Tote Issues

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the Town has two totes being used for parts and one body. She said she has located some totes in locations that they were not assigned to and will continue to look for more.

C. NFI North Inc. – Lapoint Road

Select Board Member Kamorski said that he needs another member to attend a meeting with Director, Lucy Underhill to discuss concerns with the facility that have been brought to the Board's attention.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Animal Control

Chairman Butler said that there was an issue with a cat last week that they are still looking into.

B. Appeals Board – None

C. Cemetery

Julie Brownie said that work is still being done to a gravestone knocked over by a tree. She said that the whole row of stones belongs to one family and they are all upright.

Chairman Butler asked Mike Kamorski if he could bring his tractor to pick up rock.

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

E. Education – None

F. Emergency Preparedness – None

G. Fire Department/EMT/Rescue

Fire Chief Eric Strout said that Truck 711 has 32,000 miles and 21.94 hours. He said there is a new ambulance bringing the total of ambulances to three, and one person on

duty from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM and two people on-call during the night. He said that an ambulance is in route within two-three minutes from the time of the call and a fire truck varies between four-five minutes.

H. Library

The Fire Chief said that the fire danger sign that will be removed belongs to the forestry service.

Librarian, Julie Brownie said that there is an upcoming Saturday program with activities for kids the following weekend.

I. Meeting House

Chairman Butler said that an excellent job was done on the replacement of the catch basin. Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the utility room needed to be cleaned and noted the upcoming big trash day. Chairman Butler said he saw that cleaning was being done earlier in the day.

J. Ordinance – None

K. Parks & Recreation

Jen Torrey reported that soccer season has come to an end and that 15 Stetson kids participated along with kids from Kenduskeag and they won second place. It was also noted that one of the coaches will attend an upcoming meeting to discuss issues with the field. Jen Torrey said that the next event will be the trunk or treat on the 25th and that she expects quite a few participants. It was agreed that a portable toilet will be left in place for the event.

L. Planning Board - None

M. Recycling & Solid Waste Collection – None

N. Road Commissioner

William Barrialt, Road Commissioner reported the following: he picked up the new casting for the meeting house and the cost was \$60 less than quoted; potholes have been filled over the last few weeks with help from Levant Landscaping; the culvert at the end of Blaisdell Road has been repaired and there is a camera on the telephone pole on Blaisdell Road although he is not aware as to the reason for it; parts for the door on the salt shed are still on order; there is sand and salt has been ordered; grading is done except for a small section of Mt. Pleasant Road that he planned to do it another time but Mrs. Hipskey asked that he not grade the road due to the dust. He said that all that is left is a load of gravel to the low part of the bog.

Vice Chair, Jody Lyford said she wanted to be sure that the town isn't being billed on travel time for the grader.

Chairman Butler said that residents should not be making decisions as to whether or not a road is graded.

Road Commissioner Barriault said that all of the signs are done except for a "No Thru" sign and another "Hidden Drive" sign.

Road Commissioner Barriault discussed a message from Joel Vail, Exeter Town Manager regarding a home on Brown Road located in Stetson but the road is in Exeter. He said that Mr. Vail wanted to exchange the existing culvert for a smaller size and would return the larger culvert to Stetson. He said that the Exeter Town Manager said that there are trees growing in the ditch that need to be removed and that the Exeter crew would do the work if they could be reimbursed by the Town of Stetson. He said that he reached out to Exeter to say that Stetson would be unable to do so.

O. State Legislative Correspondence – None

P. Treasurer

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the audit was underway.

Q. Welfare Director – None

R. Other - None

V. TRAINING

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that the salt shed property consists of 11 acres and that she isn't aware of how much wood other towns have cut for revenue.

Chairman Butler and Select Board Member Merrill agreed that it is a difficult time to sell wood.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 044-100825

MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill, and voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Butler, Chair

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair

Michael Kamorski

Leslie Merrill

Webster Young