Board of Selectmen
August 19, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, Carol Walsh, John Bennett, Danielle Cole, Susan Sargent, Judith Sproule, Donna Cameron, Jessica Thurston, Chyann Murphy, Christina Heiniger, Steve Heckman, Michael Gilmartin, Greg Atkins, Joanna Dotts, Brant Viner, Shaun Farrer (The Bar Harbor Story).

II. Visitors to be Heard: none

III. Approval of Agenda: Ehrlenbach said both Snare Creek Farms and Jeremy Edwards will not be on the agenda this evening. Sargent asked to discuss Goose Cove Road as an agenda item. The agenda was approved as amended.

IV. Approval of Minutes August 5, 2025 Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole to approve the Minutes as presented. Vote: 5 - 0

V. Old Business
   a. Fire Department: Commenting on the plans for water supply on Bayside Road, Chief said that DOT engineers viewed the site and said it was not conducive to a turn-off on Bayside; however, TVFD could come onto the property 10' and create a legal turn-around. Chief has informed Greg Johnston, Engineers and is waiting for a response
   b. Snare Creek Farms – recreational cannabis - continued

VI. New Business
   a. Jeremy Edwards – traffic light – not present
   b. Fire Pit Burning – Christina Heiniger expressed concern over individual fire pits being used during high alert and red flag fire alert days. In particular, she is looking for a way to inform residents and weekly renters of the dangers during those times. The State does not regulate fire pits under 3' wide or 3' tall; however, other towns in the area do circulate information on area websites and through brochures. She suggested the Town generate information on basic safety of use, or even craft rules for use of residential fire pits. Other members of the audience asked about getting a Smokey the Bear sign for the Fire Department. Ehrlenbach said the Thompsons Island sign and building will be removed once Gateway Center is open and Bennett will suggest to the Gateway people that they move the sign up to the Gateway Center. Sproule asked if a small group might be formed to study the issue and come back to the Board with suggestions. It was agreed that Christina Heiniger, Judy Sproule and Donna Cameron would get together informally to discuss the many aspects of fire pit use.
   c. Goose Cove Road (Sargent): Sargent said some residents were not happy with the patching on the Goose Cove Road. No action taken by the Board

VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s)Moved Bennett and Seconded Sargent to approve and sign the A/P and Payroll Warrants as presented. Vote 5 - 0

VIII. Other Business

a. Executive Session-Personnel Matters: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A): Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole to go into executive session under M.R.S.A.§ 405 (6) at 7:25 p.m. Vote 5 – 0

b. It was Moved and Seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

c. Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole to send a certified letter as discussed during Executive Session, confirming the return full time with Doctors Approval. Vote 5 - 0

IX. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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