

**TOWN OF STETSON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.  
STETSON TOWN OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
MEETING 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: Vice Chair Jody Lyford, Michael Kamorski, and Leslie Merrill. Administrative Assistant, Lisa Ronco was also present. Absent: Millard Butler, Chair and Webster Young.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Select Board Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2025

***Resolution 021-091025***

***MOTION: Miller, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2025. Motion passed.***

**C. Quit Claim Deeds – None**

**D. Treasurer’s Warrants**

**1. Bangor Payroll Warrant #6**

***Resolution 022-091025***

***MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to approve Bangor Payroll Warrant #6. Motion passed.***

**2. Expenditures Warrant #5**

***Resolution 023-091025***

***MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill***

Vice Chair Lyford reviewed Expenditures Warrant #5 with the Select Board.

***Vote: unanimous (3-0) to approve Expenditures Warrant #5. Motion passed.***

**E. Board of Assessors - None**

## II. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Meeting House

William Barriault discussed the repairs to the grate. He said the cost would be approximately \$176, but isn't sure how long it will take.

### B. Dead River

Tabled.

### C. Sand & Salt Shed Door

Road Commissioner, William Barriault said that there is nothing new to report and that he sent a message two-three weeks ago and expects parts to be delivered in up to six weeks. He said he is still waiting for the "No Through Traffic" sign.

### D. Library Scope of Work

Vice Chair Lyford said that she and Selectman Kamorski looked at the library and if the town would pay for the materials, Selectman Kamorski will do the work. The Board agreed to revisit this item in Spring.

### E. Meeting House Glassware

Vice Chair Jody Lyford said that she reached out to someone in Carmel and will try to get the best price for the glassware.

### F. Large Trash Day (October 18 or 25)

#### ***Resolution 024-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to schedule Large Trash Day on October 18, 2025. Motion passed.***

### G. Security Cameras

Selectman Kamorski said that he has a contact in the security camera business who will be getting back to him with better options. He said that a central control set up would cost slightly more, but would be the better option.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Park & Rec Credit Card

Vice Chair Jody Lyford referred to reimbursement payments for parks & recreation included in the warrant. She said that parks & rec has been paid for with roll over funds since it wasn't initially budgeted for, but that having a credit card dedicated for parks & rec would be easier come budget time. There was a consensus that the Town would have a dedicated credit card for funding parks & recreation.

B. Trash Contract

Vice Chair Lyford said that the trash contract was revised due to an adjustment resulting from an oversight that led to higher payments remitted than the amount that was actually due.

***Resolution 025-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (3-0) to sign the Revised Refuse Contract with Doug's Disposal through June 30, 2027. Motion passed.***

C. Municipal Order of Officers

1. Application of Tax Payments Applied to Oldest Taxes

***Resolution 026-091025***

***MOTION: Kamorski, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to sign the Municipal Order of Officers for the Application of Tax Payments Applied to Oldest Taxes due. Motion passed.***

D. Municipal Appointments

1. Town Clerk
2. Tax Collector
3. Registrar of Voters
4. Treasurer
5. General Assistance Admin
6. Freedom of Access Officer
7. Code Enforcement Officer
8. Plumbing Inspector
9. E911 Address Officer
10. Emergency Management Director
11. Tax Assessor
12. Health Officer
13. Select Board Secretary
14. Animal Control Officer
15. Planning Board

***Resolution 027-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the appointments submitted by the Town Clerk with corrections to the expiration dates of the Planning Board members to expire June 30, 2026. Motion passed.***

E. Planning Board Appointments

Planning Board appointments were voted on in previous resolution.

F. Cemetery Cleaning Public Notice

Vice Chair Lyford noted that Julie wanted to ask the Board about placing a public notice of cemetery cleaning to encourage people to remove decorative items from gravesites before Winter. Vice Chair Lyford said that Julie will also include the notice in the newsletter.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Animal Control

Select Board Member Kamorski noted that there hasn't been a report or up to date training documents for the ACO.

B. Appeals Board – None

C. Cemetery

Julie Brownie reported that Maine Gravesite Maintenance was working on repairs and cleaning. She said that some gravestones have huge rocks and asked if some rocks can be taken away. Julie also said that she asked the Sexton if he would be able to help in a couple of weeks. Jody Lyford offered to take some rocks. Julie Brownie said that most of the rocks are liftable.

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

E. Education

Steve Ingalls said that two of the flashing lights aren't working and it could be that all four need to be replaced. He also said that the water at the high school is not working and it could be due to the well not being in use all summer, the telephone system at the elementary school needs a software update, and that enrollment at the middle school has increased by 20 students.

F. Emergency Preparedness - None

G. Fire Department/EMT/Rescue - None

H. Library - None

I. Meeting House - None

J. Ordinance – None

K. Parks & Recreation

Jen Torrey said she was able to put a notice in the Rolling Thunder for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4PM- 6PM.

Julie Brownie asked if the kids playing in the field were all from Stetson. Jennifer Torrey replied that half, six or seven, were from Stetson.

L. Planning Board - None

M. Recycling & Solid Waste Collection – None

N. Road Commissioner

William Barriault, Road Commissioner said that road siding mowing including the old dump is complete. He said that the signs are up that were given to Matthew, but there are still some street signs missing.

Select Board Member Michael Kamorski said that there are potholes at the town office that are pretty bad considering the amount of traffic coming in and going out.

Road Commissioner William Barriault asked if he should take care of the potholes and if the Town could find someone with a back hoe. The Board agreed that reclaim should be used. The Road Commissioner said he would use a whole load, half on each side. It was agreed that the repair would be funded from the building expenses appropriation.

O. State Legislative Correspondence - None

P. Treasurer - None

Q. Welfare Director - None

R. Other

## **V. TRAINING**

A. Freedom of Access Training

Admin Assistant Lisa Ronco referred to the FOAA training documents included in the Board's packets. She said that review of the FAQ would be sufficient to meet the training requirement.

B. General Assistance Training

Admin Assistant Lisa Ronco said that DHHS does free monthly training sessions for general assistance.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Ingalls expressed concern over the ranch on Lapointe Road. He said one of the residents tripped the alarm when they walked away from the property onto Route 222 near the Levant/Stetson line and the sheriff's department responded. He also said that mailboxes had been vandalized and there have been other situations and neighbors asked if any of it could be related to the ranch. Mr. Ingalls said that it is unsafe for kids to walk away from there and it is also unsafe for property owners. He also said that he had a healthy conversation with Rhonda Sperry at the ranch who said that the school is for

education purposes only, and that the person who wandered away from the ranch was not the person who vandalized the mailboxes. He said that a lot of the residents at the ranch have come there through the State foster care system. Mr. Ingalls said he just wanted people to be aware in case other people raise concerns. He said that the kids at the ranch can come and go as they please, they are not locked in, and cannot be physically restrained, but staff can walk alongside them up until they leave the property.

Another point raised by Steve Ingalls was the resources the ranch calls upon whether the state police, sheriff's department or EMS. He noted that the ranch is a non-profit entity and does not pay taxes. He said that they have locations in other parts of the New England area and in 2025 they profited \$2.5 million and said that there is a voluntary Pilot program for payment in lieu of taxes.

Michael Kamorski said that he contacted the state police and the sheriff's department regarding the mailboxes and that he didn't know whether the town had any type of articulated agreement.

## VII. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 405-6 (A) Admin Asst Position

***Resolution 028-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to go into executive session per 405-6 (A) at 7:15 PM to discuss the Administrative Assistant Position. Motion passed.***

***Resolution 029-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to come out of executive session at 7:20 PM. Motion passed.***

***Resolution 030-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Kamorski and voted unanimously (3-0) to add Lisa Ronco to all accounts and as a signer to all accounts at Maine Savings Bank. Motion passed.***

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

***Resolution 031-091025***

***MOTION: Lyford, seconded: Merrill and voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Butler, Chair

Jody Lyford, Vice Chair

Michael Kamorski

Leslie Merrill

Webster Young

