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Select Board Meeting Minutes
Besse Building
March 09, 2026

Board of Selectmen attendance
Jason Dow (Chairman)
Paul Flynn (SB)
Jeanie Doore (Town Clerk)
Melissa Beaulieu (SB Admin Assist)
Johanna Hatt (Albion ACO)

The Selectboard reviewed and discussed a wide range of operational, policy, and planning matters.

Minutes & Contracts

- February 9 and February 24 meeting minutes are pending approval; a correction will be made changing "Cliff" to "Clint."
- Cemetery and roadside mowing bids were discussed. Dylan may be rehired if his cost is unchanged; otherwise the work will go out to bid. A multi-year contract was mentioned but deferred.
- School mowing will be bid separately, typically in April.

Financial & Audit Issues

- An expired contractor bond was identified; the contractor will be given 48–72 hours to comply.
- Expired town bonds (Clint Spalding) were noted.
- The annual audit revealed a lack of formal town policies and outdated documentation. A policy review committee will be formed under the new Selectboard.
- Confusion remains around the general fund balance; last year's figure may be used until clarified.
- An audit exit interview is planned after the election.

Transmission Line & Energy Ordinances

- Two transmission line ordinances are ready to be signed, reinforcing the requirement that lines be underground.
- Additional ordinances are in development to regulate wind power, battery storage, and substations.

- State legislation that could have overridden local ordinances was rejected in committee but may reappear.
- Ongoing concerns were expressed about the speed and influence of energy-related decision-making.

Town Meeting & Elections

- Elections are scheduled for April 8.
- Town meeting warrants will be posted, and a presentation with Q&A will be held on proposed ordinances.
- Plans to change the fiscal year were postponed.
- Staffing updates include the search for a new part-time town clerk.

Animal Control & Ordinances

- The Animal Control Officer proposed clearer dog shelter and barking standards, including breed-based tiers for weather exposure.
- Enforcement protocols, fines, and inspection processes were discussed.
- Any ordinance changes would require a public hearing and voter approval; a smaller working group may be formed to refine language.

Other Business

- $200 was approved to allow resident participation in the April 18 China Shred event.
- Road maintenance and pothole repairs were discussed.
- Fixed asset records are under review.
- No code enforcement issues were reported.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Jason Dow
Selectboard Chairman

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Paul Flynn
Selectboard Member