



Regular Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Location

Penobscot Town Office, 1 Southern Bay Road

1. Call to Order

Meeting started: 7:05 PM

2. Roll Call

Hatch, H., Leighton, S., Turner Welts, V. present.

Others in attendance: Casey McGraw, Bill Hutchins

3. Approval of Minutes

Hatch motioned to approve 3/2/26 minutes. Leighton approved. Unanimous approval.

4. Questions and Concerns from Community Members

5. Special Guest Speakers and Discussion

6. Old Business

1. Harold contacted Elizabeth Rodgers about town maps, which she wants to review for Mill Creek mill history.
2. David Miller from DMR sent application to go pick up a weather station for Carpenter Cove.
3. Harold spoke with Greg Bowden for container for trash pick up during road closure for West Penobscot. It would only be for Saturday and not Tuesday as well. Board needs to decide if once a week will ok for 4 weeks. Metal and demo will have to be held or brought around. Suggested that W. Penobscot residents would have to drive around on Tuesdays if they want to take trash out. Vetting locations for placing the truck.

7. New Business

1. Motion made to elect Harold Hatch as chair of the Select Board by Leighton. Turner Welts seconded. Unanimously approval.
2. Letter from Fire Department requesting that the Select Board sign recommendation to support a request to Jared Golden to request federal funding for new fire truck. Application will be submitted 3/11/26. Board also signed a support letter for the Town of Blue Hill for support of their new fire station.
3. Levesque Business Solutions will be providing us with a new copier per town meeting vote. Harold will order the copier 3/11/26.

4. **John Allen, 18 year member and secretary for the Planning Board, has offered his resignation effective end of April 2026. John suggested Jeanna LeClerc, who had expressed interest previously. Harold will also seek interest among the current Board of Appeals members as well.**
5. **David Drew has expressed interest in taking on the vacant Finance Committee position. Harold to reach out to advise that he will be appointed to take over the remaining 2 years of Vivian's position.**
6. **Request for \$454 for Community Action in Aroostook, Washington & Hancock Counties was approved at town meeting. Town is holding payment until August 2026 to ensure monies will be used for Hancock County residents. In 2025, the agency assisted 33 residents in Penobscot for a total of \$46150.00.**
7. **Grant writing committee for fire truck determined that the congressional funding will not pay for the new truck that has already has funds paid or appropriated for it. There will be another payment for \$100000 appropriated this year, so remaining balance will need to be paid for (\$300000). Town will have to determine if it will be paid via taxation, unappropriated surplus, other small grants, and/or a loan. Rescue truck was determined to have too much rust to be inspected so if congressional funds are awarded, those funds can be used towards repair of rescue truck or new frame.**
8. **Discussed appointing of Charter Commission Committee members to bring total to 9 (3 appointed, 6 elected). Possible appointees Barbara Dillon, Heidi Reinhardt, John Albrecht and Jamie MacNair. Elected are Rich Hewitt, Kurt Austin, Krisy Emerton, Joe McGraw, Geoffrey Miller, and Bailey Bowden.**
9. **Bill Hutchins needs to do a road project on the Back Ridge Road. He may ask a state engineer to review because there is no base in the road. The growth on the Dogtown Road and Lakeview Acres has increased wear on roads. He would like to eventually tar all roads - ex: Mark's Corner Road, Dorr Road in N. Penobscot. Harold advised that would put out to bid for what Bill needs as road commissioner. Town Road Capital Improvement balance was \$173695.00 at the time of the audit in December 2025 and another \$70000.00 was added at the town meeting, totalling \$243695.00.**

8. Planning Board Updates

No permits issued 3/10/26.

Dana Willis spoke to addressing John Allen leaving and who should be be approached about taking the opening. Dana suggested Janine Kimball and Steve Skillin be approached.

9. Committee Updates

10. Select Board Member Updates

a. S. Leighton Updates

- 1) Public notice of easement being reviewed with Bob Blunt so that a press release can go out this week for the Mill Creek Project.
- 2) Sara boxed up Paul Bowen's stuff to be placed in storage at the Town Office.
- 3) Sara shared that Solar on Earth is not going to be considered any further for solar credit.

b. V. Turner Welts Updates

c. H. Hatch Select Chair Updates

11. Discussion and Signing of Warrant

Warrant #6 for \$91762.15 signed.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm.

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