

**Select Board Meeting  
November 13, 2025  
Andover Town Hall at 5:15 p.m.**

**Meeting Attendance:**

Select Board Members Brian Mills (Chair-BM) and Justin Thacker (JT) at 5:15 p.m., Fred Detheridge (6 p.m.)  
Select Board Secretary Susan Mills

**Department Heads**

Per Tripp, Road Commissioner @ 5:15 p.m.  
Tim Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer @ 6 p.m.

**Board/Committee Members**

None

**Citizens**

Anthony Vitale @5:15 p.m., Margaret Madigan @ 6 p.m.

**Meeting called to order by BM at 5:15 p.m. followed by flag salute.**

**Executive Session for 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters**

**Motion** to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matter at 5:16 p.m. made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Vote** to exit Executive Session @ 5:26 p.m. made by BM, seconded by JT

**Motion** to hire Anthony Vitale as a Seasonal Highway Employee at the rate of \$21/hour made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Vote** - Carried

**Motion** to adjourn meeting and reconvene meeting at 6 p.m made at 5:28 p.m. by BM; seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – to wait for newly elected Select Board Member to arrive to begin regular meeting  
**Vote** - Carried

**Oath of Office**

Prior to meeting newly elected Select Board Member Frederick Detheridge took his oath of office as notarized by Susan Mills.

**Meeting Reconvened**

**Motion** to call meeting back in session at 6:01 p.m. made by BM; seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – Welcome to Fred  
**Vote** - Carried

**Select Board Updates**

Justin

- Sent email and left voice mail with Superintendent reminding her of the Boards request for Quarterly Reports for the 2025/26 school year
- Working on three policy drafts – 1) Donations - 90% done, 2) Rec committee policy changes, 3) Cell phone policy
- Assisted at the Town Office moving back in with Josh to reopen Monday
- Moving forward to getting a full Road Crew

Brian

- Pike will be paving South Arm piece this week
- Northern Oxford Regional Waste Board is meeting this next week – I plan to ask Mark if he plans on attending
- Shared with the Librarian the hiring of Mark Chaisson their seasonal winter work

- Email on solar follow up – we cannot require a permit for solar on homes, however it was not shared is if panels were required to be on the house nor was it defined what the structure needs to be or if it just needs to be grounded. We need to know what is except from permitting.

### Citizen Requests

None

### Department/Committee Reports

Tim Johnson

- Trotting Park Solar is working on getting on-line next Thursday and in order to do that they need to obtain an Operator's license and pay the fee according to our Solar Ordinance which is \$220 per megawatt, or \$440 as they are going to put out 1.96 megawatt. Looking to know if the Town has an Operator licensing for that or not. I have inspected the field and it is all ready to go. BM – Do you know if Rumford did one? TJ - I do not.
- ReVision Solar field is waiting for an electrical inspection – waiting on a transformer. CMP set final poles today
- Both of the solar field supervisors would like to meet with the Andover Fire Chief so they can discuss what to do in case of a fire. I am told Trotting Park can respond to an emergency within 2 – 4 hours.
  - Been trying to organize the meeting, can Fred reach out to Jim? I left a message for Jim with a specific date they could meet and Jim said he would reach out however as of today he has not because the supervisor told me; everyone (fire fighters/emergency response) should be trained. Also, Jason Kutz needs to know if they want a lock box on the gate – in case they want to get in; FD – I will contact Jim in the next few days
    - JT - has the Fire Chief ever spoken to this in regards to responding to a Solar site fire?
    - TJ – he has been on site to approve the road access but not for discussion on training to respond. ReVision may provide permission to shut the project down.
    - JT – we don't want to be three steps behind the action, if we sign on the dotted line with an Operators license, are we liable if they need fire services and they are not trained prior?
    - BM – I don't know, there isn't anything in the Solar Ordinance that covers any of that – I guess we could ask for it or we could not understanding that they are working under the original Solar Ordinance the Town voted for with concerns to be addressed - not sure if we can go back and amend the original Solar Ordinance to include fire and access and so forth
    - JT – if we grant the extension, the Select Board can offer a secondary plan – so no other group can – we can produce our own
    - BM they are working under the original ordinance
    - JT I would think we would go retroactive; one of the talking points with citizens was safety of residence – which is more alarming and with this conversation I am concerned with the fire fighters
    - FD – would be concerned of the fire running off and no way to fight a forest fire. We do 'surround and drown' and pray mutual aid arrives quickly, but with this, we need to be careful where the water can go. It would behoove them to have us have the right training
    - TJ – this information could be used not just for the solar fields, but also homeowners with them
    - BM – my concern is personnel responding and injury to them. We will know more after Jim and Jason meet
    - TJ – there are state codes to follow for safe paths for homeowner panels
    - BM – we will try to have something for them next week – move forward with coordinating the meeting with the companies and the fire chief
- JT - Is there any follow up with The Cabin in East Andover? TJ – not yet
- TJ – any money allocated through FEMA for Sawyer Notch for work as there are several spots that are sinking that need gravel; BM - I will email Per tonight to look at it; TJ – a citizen has blocked a culvert with gravel that has impacted drainage of the nearby bog that has seen water over the road in the past

### Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** made to on to accept the Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2025 by BM, seconded by JT/FD  
**Vote** - Carried

### Financial Warrant #21

- **Motion to pay CN Brown** in the amount of \$1,075.40 made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Vote** - Carried

- **Motion to pay CMP** in the amount of \$1,489.42 made by BM, seconded by FD  
**Discussion** – JT – Do we know if the new provider is all situated for cheaper for kilowatt rate with Amber? BM – when we went to LED street lights our bill was cut in half, there is an opportunity for grant to update all of buildings with heat pumps, LED lighting and that process has been knocking at the door but we haven't had the opportunity to get into it yet, but it would be good to get to it this winter  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Motion to pay GPE #7** the amount of \$1,881.00 made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – Western Maine Insurance  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Motion to pay Pike (FEMA)** South Arm the amount of \$19,200 made by BM, seconded by  
**Discussion** – FEMA project – piece on the flat – most should be done tomorrow  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Motion to pay Waste Management** the amount of \$1,027.99 made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – Tipping fees for Norridgewock; there may be some changes with this coming down the road that is for 7.67 tons at \$86/ton (see tape for more details)  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Motion to pay the remainder of Finance Warrant #20** made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – BM question for IT guy for renovation – 8.5 hours sound right? SM - yes  
**Vote** - Carried

*Side Note - Pine Tree Engineering box culvert assistance with the permit was \$703.75 cents vs. expected \$1,000*

### Wage Warrant #20

- **Motion to pay Wage Warrant #20** for \$6,623.04 made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – JT – signed yesterday so she could do payroll  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Motion to pay to pay Wage Warrant #19** \$5,618.94 adjustment of \$1,187.89 for a new total of \$6,806.83 made by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** - Taxes  
**Vote** - Carried

### Old Business

- **Town Office Update**  
**Discussion** – Contractors are done and will return to do trim outside the building at their own costs (free) and finish up a few minor items on our “wish list”; will be moving back in the next few days and reopen on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Solar Meeting Vote (12/9/25 Informational Meeting)**  
**Motion** to hold a Solar Moratorium Information Meeting on 12/9/25 at 6 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall and do a bulk mailing made by BM and seconded by JT  
**Vote** - Carried

### New Business

- **ACO Resignation Effective 11/25/26**  
**Motion** to accept the resignation of the ACO (Katie Waugh) made by BM and seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – FD – was there a reason – BM other commitments and happy to help transition the next officer; JT – Eric in Rumford may be interested should we announce? BM - Post it locally and I will reach out to Eric Gioux  
**Vote** – Carried

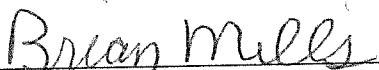
- **Covered Bridge Update**  
**Discussion** – was damaged last Wednesday – coming towards Route 5, beams were struck and MDOT inspected and we were not notified if it was structurally compromised. BM - any idea who it was? JT – no looks like perhaps a mini bus or truck with a work trailer are possibility but nothing definite. - it was not reported and they just back off. State owned bridge.
- **Stickney Abatement**  
**Discussion** - BM – what are we abating? Reviewed documents provided by Brenda Stickney including letter from O'Donnell's; BM will reach out to Matt at O'Donnell's for clarification of what was provided
- **Dell Equipment Abatement and File Deletion**  
**Motion** made to abate personal property and delete the account by BM, seconded by JT  
**Discussion** – equipment was removed from property in 2024  
**Vote** - Carried

### Other

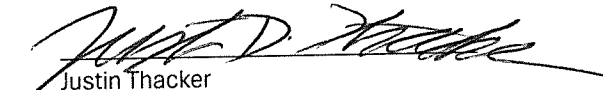
- **Signed K. Thurston's Rec Committee Letter**
- **Approve Bulk Mailing for Solar Meeting**  
**Motion** to approve and accept and send as written made by Brian; seconded by JT  
**Vote** – Carried
- **Thanksgiving Week Schedule**  
**Motion** to not meet the week of November 25<sup>th</sup> unless an emergency comes up made by BM; seconded by FD  
**Discussion** – SM – will add this info the bulk mailing; JT – can we consider moving to two week meetings for the winter?  
BM – we have done that in the past – winters are usually quieter we can entertain that in the next few meetings  
**Vote** - Carried
- **Budget Committee Update**  
**Discussion** – Beth McAuley and Tim Learned have agreed to serve, Sue will contact Peter Poor for his response and list those interested in Board appointment next week.

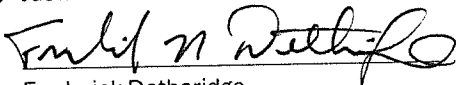
### Adjournment

**Motion** made to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. by BM, JT seconded  
**Vote** - Carried

  
Brian Mills, Chair

Date: 11-18-25

  
Justin Thacker

  
Frederick Detheridge