

Select Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Andover Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Please refer to audio SB Audio 3.10.26 for full discussions.

5 p.m.

Prior to their scheduled meeting, Select Board members met with employees in workshop setting to go over to continue discussions focused on the Personnel Policy Ordinance.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by BM followed by flag salute.

Attendance

Select Board - Brian Mills (BM), Frederick Detheridge (FD), Justin Thacker (JT)

Select Board Secretary – Sue Mills (SM)

Department Heads/Employees

None

Citizens/Requests

Sherry Donovan (SD) & Brad Donovan - Snow Valley Sno-goers

Keith Farrington, (KF) representing the Knights of Pythias Cabot Lodge (Andover)

Select Board Updates

Brian

- At our last Solar Meeting Margaret Madigan mentioned a proposal for Home Rule Authority for Solar projects. I want to state on record I am not a big fan of this proposal; my recommendation is we email MMA Legal and see how they feel about it and if they will be speaking on the behalf of towns regarding Home Rule and give to DEP and State of Maine; not sure there is another session coming up
 - JT – they met on short (48 Hour) notice and posted in papers no one reads to limit public forum
 - BM – I may send an email to MMA Legal just to ask if they can do it. Home Rule has been around for a long time; to ask can they do this legally?
- Lewiston Sun (paper) today had an article on possible school funding formular changes, it appears small communities are going to lose, and the money will shift to larger enrollment schools. I'm not sure if they are going to speak to this tomorrow night at the school budget meeting

Fred

- Continuing to work on the Transfer Station Ops Manual – inputting information in the template format they provided to us

Justin

- Attending the school board budget informational meeting (3/11)
- Attended General Assistance training for most common mistakes made when handling emergencies and updated Fred on those areas: validating paper work, legitimate emergency and direct to resources, etc., the biggest was CMP disconnection notices go out in April 1, and we can be forced to pay high bills, with the right conditions, for sole source. We budget \$2,500 for the year and get reimbursed for GA expenses. It is an emergency if elderly or children are in the home. If the request falls before May 1st and they are eligible, we have to use an approval process involving bank statements, cash receipts, and verification of why they did not pay the bill

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to accept Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2026** made by BM, seconded by FD
Vote – Carried (JT abstained/absent)

Motion to hire Janice Zulkeski for as needed basis at Transfer Station at a wage of \$15.65 per hour made by BM, seconded by FD

Discussion – BM - Interview or hire? FD – hire

Vote – Carried

- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Motion to bring back the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance for vote at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting made by BM, seconded by JT

Discussion – JT – historically, when it is a tie vote, it does comeback, so no surprised to see it back and I understand the CEO situation. I would like to see it come back for a vote to move past the tie. Need a definitive vote. FD - do we need to do anything special like an Info Meeting/Hearing? BM – in most cases I feel we should have a Public Hearing prior to Town Meeting in case something needs to change. I don't agree that we need this ordinance to enforce the Junk Yard Ordinance provided by the State, it goes beyond that ordinance, which is going to create havoc for the Planning Board and CEO. Do you only act on written complaints that are filed or just pick and choose during a drive by? Tim has stated it would make it easier to have it to enforce property maintenance. I don't like ties (votes) either and would like to see it resolved.

Vote – Carried

- **Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Select Board Computer Update**

Motion to spend up to \$2,500 to purchase two (2) refurbished computers for the two clerks (deputy and treasurer) including up to 7 hours of labor costs total made by BM, seconded by FD

Discussion – FD – inventoried all machines in the office, we have three of one type and two of another and we need one more. I looked at the specs Brian Phelps gave us. I propose from the Technology Account we get two refurbished towers and everyone will have the same exact machine, the I7 is a decent machine and has everything we need. We will worry about the Select Board computer later and create a plan to replace the office computers one at a time. Laptop printing: FD - I can explain to him (Brian Phelps) when he comes to the office the configuration for printing, we need him to log into the wireless system and put everyone on the same wireless system. The Health Officer laptop - she prefers MS type computer vs Apple.

Vote – Carried

- **McGuire Homestead Transfer Request**

Motion to approve transferring the Homestead Exemption from Account 586 to their new property account to be created by O'Donnell's this summer by BM, seconded by FD

Discussion – CEO has verified all permits to covert the workshop into a home were provided

Vote – Carried

- **K/P – Stove/Propane (Upstairs Kitchen)**

Discussion – KF - the stove was put in around 1957 by the Grange and they gave it to the KP. We would like to keep it and are willing to pay for the propane tank replacement; we don't want it to cost the Town any money. It is currently turned off at the tank. BM – I wouldn't be opposed to eliminating that propane tank and tying into our Town Community Energy tank. KF – I will take that proposal back to the group. No plan for the stove, if there is going to be any stove up there, it will need to be gas stove due to the electrical system. BM - I will ask Community Energy what the code range is and details. If it becomes a legal concern, we will unhook it from the propane tank it goes to now and leave it as a show piece. JT – we can make decisions at this level and let the guys know what we are doing and if they disagree and they can come back to us. KF – We will put a sign on it 'for Lodge use only'.

- **Sno Valley Sno Goers/Non Profit Questions**

Discussion – SD - we have been putting things in order/legal and I applied for 501c3 nonprofit status and got it approved this year (Nov 2025) – I don't believe they (the Club) ever applied for one, even