

Town of Sebec Select Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: Walter Emmons, Wayne Nason, Don Rush, Sara Torbett, Gail Januskiewicz, Carrie Faloon and Emery Pelletier.

Guests: Jeanette Hughes, Barbara Mauzy, Charlie and Stacy Shaffer

Review of the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

****Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes. Don 2nd. Motion passed.

Animal Control Office – Carrie Faloon

- Concerning the Barking Ordinance, it is not enforceable as written, it needs a time frame listed. Even with that, it is very hard to determine the length of a dog barking. Some towns have a fine for violation, but not sure how much.
- The owner of GaDaH tells me I have no authority there – she does not fall under guidelines.
- Charles Shaffer – There are multiple bills in legislature for nuisance dogs, but they did not pass this year. It is a huge problem in the state. Maybe consider making a noise ordinance in the Town. We need to get ahead of this. Charlie and Joe Guyotte wrote an ordinance for barking, and it did not get adopted. He will leave a copy of it for the Select Board to review.
- Walt spoke with Chris Almy and he said that state law prohibits him from pursuing those cases in the County Courts.
- Wayne asked if Charles had spoken with the owner of Give A Dog A Home and he said it had been a while. Charles had a civil case against them, and they followed the courts instructions for a while, but have since broken every one. There is no oversight, and she will do what she is going to do. There is no capacity for care regulations on the state level.
- The Select Board will review the ordinance and discuss it to bring it to the Town.

Misc. Business

- Jeannette and Barbara came on behalf of the Sebec Reading Room. At the 3rd and 4th of July events there was a food truck parked on the lawn next to them (It was on private property, and they had permission to be there from the owner) and this cut their profits by at least half. Barbara said they usually make between \$4-5,000.00, which funds the RR for a year. This year they will barely cover expenses, and they have two freezers full of meat left over. They are concerned about the events to follow and are afraid they will ruin the RR. Barbara said there was a sign at the food truck that said, “All proceeds would go to the Reading Room”, but they have not seen any contribution. She mentioned how much of a problem it is and they do not have a solution. This was a community event, not a fair. Maybe the Town could say food trucks are only allowed at food truck events.
- Wayne suggested they talk to the people who own the food truck. Both ladies said they did, and it didn't matter. Walt said he would look at the requirements for food trucks.

Road Commissioner – Emery Pelletier

- Ditching was done on the Ladd Rd/Sands Rd. and Old Brownville Rd. It cost under \$5,000.
- Paving can be done on the North Rd. and Downs Rd. after the Town Meeting.
- Talked to Doug about the beavers, maybe they will build a berm.

- Anson DeWitt cleaned all the cemeteries. The Select Board mentioned Chase cemetery needs to be done. Next year we should look into stone repairs.
- Looked at the budget and will have the same \$216,000. North Rd. will need work

Town Clerk – Sara Torbett

- Handed out some mail that came in.

Tax Collector/Treasurer – Gail Januskiewicz

- Reviewed the financials and upcoming large expenses. She expects interest rates to rise but will need to transfer 1 CD for operating expenses.
- Reviewed and signed warrants.

Don Rush submitted his resignation for personal reasons, effective at the end of this meeting.

**** Wayne made a motion to adjourn. Walt 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30PM

Submitted By:

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