

Town of Sebec Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:40PM.

Present: Walter Emmons, Wayne Nason, Eric Weidman, Sara Torbett, Gail Januskiewicz, and Emery Pelletier

Guests: Mary Downs, Stacey Shorey, and Doug Ames

Review of the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

Select Board Discussion

- Trees have been cut down. Wayne mentioned the time capsule that was buried under one of them and it would be nice to get it. Walt agreed. Emery - Buddy Baird said it is under the tree on the right. Eric was wondering what the cost of that might be. There was discussion about the fact that it may not be intact.
- Wayne came in on Tuesday and spoke with the accountant and said there is no fraud. He suggested switching from CD's and MM to a sweep account to save Gail time. Wayne – Gail has made us good money in CD's and MM and he trust hers completely. Eric – what is better for the Town? He likes the manner in which she is handling the money. Walt – she is diligent about it. The deposits are made in a timely manner, unlike before.
- Downs Road Dog Barking Issues – tabled

Walt – add Mary Downs and Stacey Shorey to the agenda. Mary Downs handed in her resignation from the School Board, effective immediately. She has one year left on her term. She served for 20 years. She said it has been an honor to serve, but she needs to be with her husband. The Select Board all said her services were appreciated, it was an honor to have her and that she persisted in the things that were lacking in the school system. Walt asked if she had any suggestions on who may fill her place. She suggested Megan Dyer. The Board will discuss a replacement. Stacey Shorey- next meeting about the budget is Oct. 7th.

Doug Ames – Concerning the plowing contract, he is not going to shovel the Town Office steps and handicap ramp. If you want to terminate the contract, that's fine, but he isn't going to do it. Either party can terminate the contract at any point. Eric found where it was in the contract to shovel and asked if he had any subs? Doug – no, just us. Emery – we don't want to terminate; he is doing a great job. Walt – would you have trouble getting someone to do it? Doug – I will take \$1,000 off the contract price and the Town can pay to hire someone. Doug doesn't want to be responsible to hire someone. Walt – we aren't going to terminate now – we'll talk about it. Wayne – talked to Doug about hiring someone under his company. Doug said he will try and find someone to shovel and let Wayne know on Wednesday. The Select Board agreed they want to keep the contract the way it is.

Town Clerk – Sara Torbett

- Can School Board meeting for January 6th at 6:00PM? Yes. We will need to turn the heat on ahead. If it is really cold, we may not have enough heat in there.
- Security camera upgrades needed to continue to use the app. Reviewed the estimate from Arcaro Security. They thought it was high. Sara said that she does use the app, even in-house when she is in meeting and during election day. She uses it at home when the office is closed. The only negatives are the quality and features are limited. Eric said it is important to keep the staff safe. The Select Board asked if Sara could look into other less expensive options. Tabled for now.
- Business Licensing – tabled.
- Some people have said there wasn't enough information in the FS Fundraising letter.

Road Commissioner – Emery Pelletier

- Downs Rd - \$20,000 worth of gravel to cover the whole road. Before paving, put some more gravel because we are going to lose some throughout the year. Where the paving was done on
- Downs Road, had Doug fill and Anson Dewitt fixed the aprons in front of driveways. There is a lot of dips that need to be fixed. They were supposed to be tapered. Wayne asked about the bog area that looks washed out. Emery will take care of that when they fill it.
- On the North Road there will be an apron. North Rd.- add to paving from summer roads from maintenance account. He is going to get a quote and plan for that to be done this fall. There is some crack repair needed at the intersection of North Rd/Sebec Village Road.
- Emery – what are my parameters about spending money in the budget? Can I spend the \$216,000 paving or maintenance money? He will always leave a reserve, and he will still communicate with the Select Board on his decisions. Normally those decisions need to be made on the spur of the moment. Wayne – anything over \$10,000 needs to go out to bid. Walt would like to give leeway on projects for Emery to make those decisions on the spot. Emery doesn't like Gail calling to verify overage amounts with Walt or Wayne. He made the call for the best price and in the best interest of the Town. Walt – Gail needs to let us know if the bill comes in over the contract price – no one is faulting her for that. Select Board – give us notice if possible and within budget.

******Walt made a motion to continue to go along on bid's base amount, but if additional work and materials need to be added, go ahead, as long as it stays within the overall budget. Eric 2nd. All in favor.**

- Emery will not be to do the Heavy Limits Postings. He will check with other Towns to see when they are doing it.

Tax Collector/Treasurer – Gail Januskiewicz

- Talked about the audit and the sweep account, Gail – it's only 2/5% interest and we can't get it because we don't have a certificate of "corporation in good standing" to the state. She is not spending a lot of time on the Cd's and MM. It's only a few minutes of phone call every three or so months. Walt – if it's not inconvenient, the Select Board wants to stick with what we are doing.
- Roger is coming tomorrow. The guys that are coming are doing the field work that Roger didn't get to. Rob will come on Oct. 20th from RJD appraisal.
- Reviewed the audit. James Wadman is going out on his own, but he is going to keep our Town.
- We applied for MMA for \$3,000. Select Board signed it.
- Discussed the finances and tax liens.
- The Select Board let Gail know about the motion about Emery ability to spend the budget. Eric – we still want Gail to be scrutinize the numbers.
- Reviewed the financials/CD's and upcoming expenses.
- Reviewed and signed warrants.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:33PM

Submitted By: SBT