

SELECT BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2026; 6:30 P.M.
DONALD A. RUSSELL MEETING ROOM
AND VIA ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roland Tufts
Ann Callahan
Ryan Holmes
David Kenney
Mike Labbe

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: All present

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager, Mark Waltz; Assistant Town Manager, Jeffrey Emerson; Public Works Director, Dennis Cox

A meeting of the Topsham, Maine Select Board was held on Thursday March 5, 2026, in the Donald A. Russell Meeting Room at the Municipal Building and via Zoom for members and/or interested citizens. The Board first met at 5:50 p.m. to conduct interviews for boards and committees. Chair Tufts called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Everyone was invited to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call was taken, and it was noted that all Board members were present.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Our posted roads are now in effect:

Winter St/River Rd from Maine St to Whitehouse Crossing Rd
Whitehouse Crossing Rd
Cathance Rd
Tedford Rd
Meadow Cross Rd
Ward Rd
West Merrill Rd
Foreside Rd from Townsend Way to Middlesex Rd

If a heavy truck needs to travel it, contact our public works department. There is a possibility of a permit early in the morning on days when the road freezes overnight.

- Be a Topsham Time Traveler – Volunteer Today!

- Love history, old treasures, or the smell of ancient paper? Join the Topsham History Committee and help preserve our town's past, with archives dating back to 1787! Here's the scoop:
4 hours per month to log, organize, and digitize historical treasures.
No experience needed—just curiosity and a love for stories.
Perks: Handle fascinating artifacts and connect with fellow history buffs.
Help us bring Topsham's past into the future! Volunteer today—your 1787 self would approve.
- Topsham at Home display now in Town Hall. Thank you to history committee for putting the interesting display together.

Mark Waltz
Town Manager

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES –

Stacie Frizzle-Edgerton from People Plus updated the Select Board and community about what People Plus offers as well as the Teen Center. Frizzle-Edgerton stated that Topsham has over 400 members and 200 riders and that People Plus is the only senior center in this area. They will be having a gala and auction in April to raise money.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Susan Rae-Reeves 14 Twin Pond Road spoke not only as a citizen but as the Chair of CPIC. She talked about the last Planning Board meeting and how CPIC would like the Select Board and Town to proceed with Project Re-Code.

CORRESPONDENCE – None noted.

ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA –

26-25- CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGETTE DIONNE TO THE TOPSHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY AND CARL LOZON TO THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Labbe and it was unanimously

VOTED

To approve Georgette Dionne to the Topsham Housing Authority and Carl Lozon to the Energy Committee.

CONSENT CALENDER

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and it was unanimously

VOTED

To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting as written.

PUBLIC HEARING – None noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS – None noted.

NEW BUSINESS

26-20- CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A REQUEST TO CUT A SKIDDER PATH AND CROSS TOWN OWNED PROPERTY (TAX MAP R8, LOT 52) SO THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY CAN BE LOGGED.

This request was withdrawn as the property owner found other means of access.

26-21- CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPOSED RFP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS.

Deputy Public Works Director Dennison presented the reasons for the proposed RFP.

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan, seconded by Chairman Tufts, and it was unanimously

VOTED

To authorize the Town Manager to release the proposed RFP for solid waste facility improvement conceptual design and cost estimates.

26-22- CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MERRYMEETING TRAIL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Town Manager presented the Merrymeeting Trail Board of Supervisors request for a elected official from Topsham for the committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Callahan, and it was unanimously

VOTED

To appoint Dave Kenney, Select Board member to the Merrymeeting Trail Board of Supervisors.

26-23 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION OF PROPOSED FY 2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR JOINT MEETING WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Chair Tufts, sought comments from the Board regarding the proposed FY2027 budget. The Board asked the Town Manager to have Chief Hagan available to discuss the take home cruiser concept more at the March 10th budget reconciliation meeting.

After some discussion on items, there was no motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-24- ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 7:50 p.m., motion was made by Mr. Tufts, seconded by Mr. Labbe, and it was unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. Those attending the Executive Session included Town Manager Waltz, Assistant Town Manager Emerson, Select Board members Roland Tufts, Ann Callahan, Ryan Holmes, David Kenney and Mike Labbe.

At 7:55 p.m., motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Tufts, and it was unanimously

VOTED

To come out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mr. Labbe, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and it was unanimously

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Woodd, Executive Assistant