



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2025, 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org.

Attendance: Selectmen: Robert Flint, Dale Miner as well as members of the Public.

1. **Review/ Approve minutes.** Dale Miner moved to accept and approve August 19th, 2025, minutes as written. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.
2. **Review/ Approve warrant.** Dale Miner moved to accept and approve the August 2nd, 2025, warrant. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the warrant.
3. **TW Enterprises, Tree & Landscape Co., Land Use/Lease of Town Property:** Maine Municipal Association (MMA) responded to email inquiry regarding TW Enterprises' use or lease of Town Property. MMA agreed that the request should be brought to a town meeting. Although a public hearing is not required, Robert Flint thinks it should be done, with Tom White, of TW Enterprises, presenting information about the plan for the property. Tom previously noted a walking trail would be made around the perimeter of the property with trails cutting through the middle for those needing to shorten trail distance. With information gained from public input, the Town attorney would have a better indication or recommendation of what type of legal document should be presented to the town for vote at a town meeting.
4. **Municipal Stream Crossing Grant, Pigeon Brook on River Road:** Robert Flint completed a request for issuance of grant funds from the State. Certain grant requirements are necessary to obtain the \$200,000.00 grant funds awarded, noting that a certificate from a certified engineer was required and obtained confirming the project was built to the plans and specifications upon final inspection. The total project cost: \$331,483.59. The Town will be responsible for the remaining \$131,483.59 balance after grant funds are applied. The selectmen signed the request for grant funds.
5. **Patricia Merritt, ATV use on Sand Pond Road:** Sand Pond resident, Patricia Merritt stated that she was directed to the Maine Warden Service by the Cumberland County Sheriff. Steve Thistlewood, Landowner Relations Game Warden with the Maine Warden Service presented. Warden Thistlewood confirmed that his department is a division of the Maine State police. He recently learned from the Cumberland County sheriffs' Office that there was an issue with an ATV access route on Sand Pond Road in Baldwin which connects state land with interconnected trails in Baldwin and to other towns. The Sheriff's Office received several complaints about reckless ATV activity. Warden Thistlewood contacted Bret LaBlanc, the state's Southern Maine ATV trails coordinator. Mr. LaBlanc maps ATV and snowmobile trails in So Maine and works with the ATV clubs to obtain grants for maintenance and equipment and does trail inspection to ensure that trails are safe. Mr. Thistlewood noted that the warden service and Bret LaBlanc should meet with the ATV club to review their permissions and get the ATV trails mapped out and recorded in the state mapping program system. This system allows various agencies and ATV users to be informed of trail status such as closures. The goal is to have written agreements to better enable landowners and land users to understand what the conditions are. With an agreement in place, violations of an agreement can lead to trail closures. The local ATV club recalls a verbal agreement with the Town of Baldwin allowing Sand Pond Road to be used as an ATV access route. Jim Dolloff noted that the Select Board advised the club at a prior Select Board meeting several months back that the Select Board would take the discussion to a public hearing prior to any decision being made by the Selectmen.



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Reminders:

Public Question and Comment. Meet the Candidate Night at Brown Memorial Library, Monday, September 8th, at 7:00pm.

Executive Session. **I move the Selectboard go into an executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters.** Jim Dolloff moved the Select Board into executive session at 6:40pm. Dale Miner seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Dale Miner moved the Select Board out of executive session at 7:35pm. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Adjournment: Dale Miner moved to adjourn at approximately 7:40 pm. Jim Dolloff seconded. The selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

No decision made.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dolloff

Robert Flint

Dale Miner