

Stockton Springs Select Board Minutes

May 27, 2025 Meeting

Attendees:

Select Board Members Present	Elizabeth Lenharr (Liz Lenharr) Marsha Shute - Chair Betsy Bradley John Bellino – Interim Town Manager
Select Board Members Absent	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Hardy
Community members	Approximately 17 community members were in attendance for some or all of the meeting. Speaker names were captured in the notes as best as possible. No attendance list was captured.

Yellow Highlight indicates NEW or not-yet-completed action items.

Green Highlight indicates COMPLETED action items.

Blue Highlight indicates incomplete notes, based on in-person note taking where something was missed. May need to go to tape backup.

#	Agenda	Notes
1.	Roll Call: Call to Order	Marsha Shute called meeting to order at 6:00pm roll call – see attendance above
2.	Adjustment to the agenda	none
3.	Approval of minutes from May 12th and 20th, 2025	The select board members had reviewed the documents prior to the meeting. Marsha Shute made a motion to approve the May 12 th and 20 th , 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Betsy Bradley, the motion passed unanimously
4.	Appointment of new Town Manager	Sadie Loyd Mudge was not able to make tonight’s meeting. Marsha made a motion to approve Sadie Lloyd Mudge as our new town manager. Seconded by Betsy Bradley, all in favor. Thanks were given to John Bellino for filling in as interim town manger
5.	RSU 20	Present to speak at today’s meeting are: Denise Dakin – School Board Chair Dhyana Blanchard – Business Manager Chris Downing - superintendent till 6/30 after which he will be retiring

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		<p>Denise Dakin – speaking about some recent high points at RSU 20: last Thursday had senior night. Gave out \$39,000 in scholarships. Have new boilers in the middle and high school. Installed new air handlers and air conditioners in the gym. All school board meetings are live streamed, anyone can join.</p> <p>Chris Downing- As a school district our size, we have a very good educational system in RSU 20. He’s very proud of it: improved buildings, improved student support, and is more than willing to answer questions anyone has.</p> <p>Betsy Bradley mentioned in support of the school district that when her son was a senior, there were 3 kids that received full scholarships to University of Maine in his class. It was unusual that more than one was given out from one school, much less such a small school. All three kids graduated Suma Cum Laude.</p> <p>Chris Downing – as they developed the budget each year, the board is cognizant that the taxpayers pay the bill. They try to give the best experience for those dollars. Students always come first and he would fight to the end for them.</p> <p>Q: Greg Paul – stated he is very pro public school and has even been on a school board for Monmouth Maine. When looking at enrollment, it’s down 12% while the costs are increasing. The cost per students is higher than a lot of districts. Can this be explained?</p> <p>A: Chris Downing – after COVID the home schooling population increased dramatically so the enrollment is down. There is also a large transient population. Regardless of the student number, they have to educate the remaining kids and that requires a base level of expenditure. Also, educational hiring is very competitive, there are few applicants per job so they have had to increase salaries. Insurance has also gone up 8-10-14% over recent years. How do we control the cost per student? He would love to have more home schoolers come back. Why are there transient students? Lack of affordable housing and jobs. Add to that the aging population like the rest of the state means that there are fewer kids overall.</p> <p>Q: Greg Paul – how do we get our hands around this? When do we explore other options?</p> <p>A: Chris Downing – make sure the budget is a “needs budget”. Last year’s budget was very hard to take because the increase was large. The change in heating system to propane should help decrease costs (once it’s fully paid for). People need to realize the community we live</p>
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	<p>in – beautiful homes and coast but not far inland it's not wealthy. The board knows what they want and the administrators and staff try to meet that need. Regarding staffing costs, it's not as if we can cut salaries for some to pay more for others. All kids matter.</p> <p>Q: Greg Paul – he's sure that this isn't a RSU 20 specific problem. What's happening at the state level? A: Chris Downing – at the state level they aren't bringing bills that address education, schools are supposed to get 55% of their budget paid by the state but that's misleading and he thinks that southern towns get more proportionally. Nationally the eradication of Department of Education is impacting special ed and food programs. Even during summer they feed kids, in July any kid 18 and younger can be fed each day. All kids eat free during the school year.</p> <p>Q: Kathy Kamzelski– how many students are in RSU20 from Stockton A: Dhyana Blanchard – 100 students (27% of the population) out of 392.</p> <p>Diane Reynolds – the breakdown of payment per student has to do with each town's assessment.</p> <p>Q: Greg Paul – should we focus more on economic development of our towns more so that will offset the personal property assessment? It's a different topic than the school but it is one way we can try to alleviate the cost. A: Chris Downing -unfortunately not all businesses pay their share of taxes unfortunately and gave an example of Cianbro from a previous work assignment he had.</p> <p>Q: Kathy Kamzelski – while the focus is on our children, last year Maine's education was ranked as the bottom 5. This year we're at the bottom. What is being done to raise the rating of the students? A: Chris Downing – all students qualify for title 1. That's for reading and math. We require in state of Maine that all students take the assessment, the kids do well but it's in the comparison to other state that we don't do well.</p> <p>Q: Kathy Kamzelski– as we don't have industry in Stockton Springs, the cost is on the residents back – especially as our assessments go up, while the rating goes down. A: Chris Downing – she's looking at just a snapshot of the education in Maine. It's more of a portfolio for our kids. At RSU 20 we have two classes for each of our grades – other districts have consolidated to</p>
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		<p>have class with 30 kids per class. This is challenging because of the issues that have to be dealt with in each class (meaning kids needing extra help and behavioral issues). When there is a smaller class, it's easier to help kids at an individual level.</p> <p>Q: Kathy Kamzelski – are the special needs kids in special rooms or mainstreamed? A: Chris Downing – there are special rooms where kids can get special help for part of the day but otherwise kids are in the regular classroom. Chris also suggested that having the tech schools help kids with those interests succeed. He is in favor of having more technical programs. Similarly, he suggests other kids are able to take college courses and credits while in high school.</p> <p>Betsy Bradley noted that Stockton kids in particular are doing very well educationally.</p> <p>Betsy Bradley also noted that there have been times where the state evaluated and realized that they could give more money to Searsport schools so it was given back to the town an over payment.</p> <p>Chris Downing and Dhyana Blanchard recalled the opposite also happened where Searsport state funding was cut the most in the state (\$800,000). Some charter schools are getting lots of financial support (millions), because they can estimate their enrollment whereas Searsport has to use their actual numbers</p> <p>Q: Scott Pace – has there ever been a conversation about when the cost benefit analysis means that Stockton and Searsport would do better getting put into Bucksport or Belfast schools instead? A: Denise Dakin – this already happened once during the statewide consolidation and we were told by those towns that they wanted our money but no our kids because they were “beneath” them. A: Chris Downing – he doesn't know what the threshold is, there are so many fixed cost, salary, insurance, heat etc. the only thing that's been added is social workers that were initially paid for by Federal dollars (after covid) but now is paid for by the towns. Though an added expense, the social workers have saved a lot of potential dropouts especially because of their work in elementary school. He recounted that it actually starts in 3rd grade, if a kid isn't reading or having social issues, it starts them on a path to dropping out in later years.</p>
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	<p>Scott Pace – he understands it’s a challenging conversation for sure not trying to pit education against costs. And he understands that consolidation does mess with a community’s identity.</p> <p>Q: Chris Downing - said he wondered about what families moving to the area (like Scott did 3 years ago) do?</p> <p>A: Scott Pace – his two kids are in online Connections Academy and his reasons were threefold: safety (school shooting risk), illness exposure, and academics.</p> <p>Chris Downing said his dream school would start at 8am and end at 5pm. To protect them during that time and there are a lot of students working to help their families with expenses. He also feels our schools are safe because school resource officers.</p> <p>Q: Margaret Laing – at some point there was a question of Stockton students go to Bucksport.</p> <p>A: Denise Dakins – there was a committee formed, the town managers met and eventually it was determined that it wasn’t worth the cost. If Stockton Spring kids went to either Bucksport or Belfast, they would have to build new schools (which we’d pay for). Each district has our own special qualities. we’re going to have to pay either way because of the assessment of our town is higher than Searsport (as a seaside property). She would assert that our town has the best facilities of our neighbors. As evidence of that, both Brooks and Waldo have explored leaving Mount View schools and joining Searsport but ultimately decided against it.</p> <p>A: Chris Downing – one of the sticking points with Brooks was that they wanted Searsport to take on the transportation of their students rather than be responsible for their own.</p> <p>Denise Dakins – we get a lower percentage of reimbursement from the state, has never gotten the 55% promised, it’s only been down in the 40%s. it’s because of the valuation of the land. The land has gone up so that we get less support (and more so in Stockton Springs than in Searsport).</p> <p>Denise Dakins - Another issue leading to declining enrollment was immunization -previously there were some exemptions but new state laws prohibited religious exemptions.</p> <p>Q: Diane Reynolds – we are in the lowest percentage of performance – what did he mean that not all students are tested?</p>
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	<p>A: Chris Downing – in Maine, all students are tested including special ed students. In other states they do not test all students which skews the stats.</p> <p>Q: Diane Reynolds - How do we align our method with rest of the country to get more money?</p> <p>A: Chris Downing – Mainers are honest and the scores don't mean that we don't have high achieving kids. The tech schools also help focus kids who want to move to work instead of college. Unfortunately, programs are driven by survey feedback from the kids and they don't want to do plumbing etc.</p> <p>Q: Betsy Bradley – regarding the summer food program... She sees kids now taking home bags of food for the weekend. Is there enough money to feed the kids this summer?</p> <p>A: Chris Downing – there is money for the kids we currently feed in the cafeteria. There are other programs attempting to fill the gap for other kids so that none go hungry.</p> <p>Betsy Bradley – unfortunately, we do have kids going hungry and just being in schools you can see there is anxiety at vacation time when kids know they are going to be going without. She's grateful for the program in our schools.</p> <p>Chris Downing – our schools also provide clothing for kids who don't have changes of clothes, boots, jackets etc. Small school systems are able to focus on kids in this way, they can see the ones that really need help vs at bigger schools where sometimes those kids are more hidden.</p> <p>Betsy Bradley mentioned the elf closet that kids can shop at holiday time so they can get their families gifts for mere cents. Local donors help make that happen.</p> <p>Chris Downing - athletics are also very important in our district Betsy Bradley – also stated that as a swim coach she sees that Searsport pays their bills for athletics vs other towns that do not, and we should be proud of that.</p> <p>Dhyana Blanchard – the budget went up 3.3% but the assessment went up 5% so it could have been worse.</p> <p>Chris Downing – is looking for the support of the community to pay for the budget. The funding balance has gone down in the last couple of years, it's been going down but we have to be careful not to fall off the cliff.</p>
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		<p>They encouraged folks to join the budget meeting at 7pm on 5/28 in the cafetorium. Will go through all of the articles and will answer all questions. Laura Miller will become the new superintendent after Chris's retirement.</p> <p>Scott Pace – expressed his thanks for Chris's passion for the students. And he let Chris know that his daughter was the lone member of the swim team for RSU20 (Connections kids can participate with the school's athletic programs)</p> <p>The select board members signed the RSU budget warrant.</p>
12	ARPA funds from Waldo County	<p>John Bellino – we talked about this in a prior meeting to leave it in the remaining dollars in the unassigned fund (\$20,000). Asked that instead we use \$15000 on the new front door, \$5000 for Trio (municipal software).</p> <p>Marsha made a motion to use the \$20,000 from the unassigned fund for the new door (\$15000) and Trio (\$5000), seconded by Betsy, all in favor.</p>
7.	Town Meeting Warrant Review	<p>The DRAFT warrant was displayed on the screen for the audience.</p> <p>The warrant was reviewed article by article by John Bellino. Comments that happened during the review are included here.</p> <p>Q: Kathy Kamzelski – regarding the referendum for increasing the select board number: why is this on the ballot if it was already voted down? A: Betsy Bradley – because more people will be here. A: Diane Reynolds – it's a referendum this time so it will allow folks to vote absentee. Plus, people who weren't here for the special town meeting can vote now.</p> <p>Margaret Laing– this was the argument made at the time of the special town meeting, why wasn't that taken seriously then? And now it is? Sue Henkel – she agreed with Margaret - they asked repeatedly that the town did not do the vote at the special town meeting for this reason. Betsy Bradley - The reason we're doing it again is if it passes then we can get the funding in the budget, if it were to come up later, again there wouldn't be money in the budget.</p> <p>Q: Sue Henkel – how much did it cost us to have that special meeting? How much does it cost us now to include this again?</p>

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	<p>A: Diane – the meeting was already happening because of the ambulance vote and the bot to pay off the solar panels on the public works building and added the number of select people was included at no extra cost.</p> <p>Marsha Shute – she heard from many people that they wanted to give their vote on the matter.</p> <p>Scott Pace interrupted: why is Sue upset because she’s getting what she wanted then?</p> <p>Q: Susan Henkel – would like for select board to choose who speaks and that each person identify themselves and not interrupt. The select board should control it more.</p> <p>A: Marsha Shute agreed but it’s hard because people are passionate, they are doing their best to control the crowd.</p> <p>Susan Henkel noted that no one tried to intervene</p> <p>Kathy Kamzelski – why is the solar panel again on the warrant if it was voted down at the special town meeting?</p> <p>In response to this question, there was discussion by select board about how the articles were supposed to be read and not commented on (per Marsha and John).</p> <p>John proceeded to continue reading.</p> <p>John made note that the budget was increased only 1.27% vs a typical increase normally seen of 3-5% in other towns.</p> <p>Q: Sarah Hardy – it’s not clear, are the Sweetser and NAMI articles separate from school budget but are services handled via school? or just a donation?</p> <p>A: John Bellino – it’s a donation because these are nonprofits organizations. They request a donation based on the number of people they serve in the town.</p> <p>Q: Abram Guay– does the number for law enforcement include labor? Because he’d heard about price for a new cruiser, he thought that the amount listed was for the cruiser, not personnel.</p> <p>A: John Bellino – it’s a similar amount but separate and the cruiser payment will be under the capital reserve section.</p>
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		<p>Q: Abram Guay – will have to go back to the meeting minutes because he thought those notes said something different.</p> <p>A: Betsy Bradley/John Bellino – both stated they will go through the capital portion later in the warrant.</p> <p>Related to the ambulance request – it was mentioned that the number is NOT wholly funded by taxes, there are grant funds or revenue from serving other towns included in the numbers.</p>
8.	Treasurers warrant and report	<p>John Bellino – reviewed the balances of the accounts, they are:</p> <p>Bangor Savings Bank: Checking account and Sweep – \$3,250,332.33 Capital Reserves Balance - \$421,297.71 cash balance - \$3,671,630.04</p> <p>Seaboard FCU Business Money Account: Balance \$267,930.65</p> <p>Total balance all accounts = 3,939,560.69</p> <p>John was worried that the treasurers warrant was taking up the whole balance but in fact we are at 8% of the year left and have 11% of funds remaining so we are in a good place for the fiscal year.</p> <p>Also, John mentioned we are ahead in tax revenue collection.</p> <p>The select board signed the memo that goes with the warrant.</p> <p>Q: Margaret Lange – have we seen a lot of non-payment of taxes? A: Angie Porter/Diane Reynolds – it will be in the town report which should be ready soon. There are quite a lot of people who haven't paid, Angie suspects people have just forgotten to pay because a second bill doesn't come out for the spring payment. Usually, they see an increase in people coming to pay when they see the report – it's a reminder. Or if not, when they are 30 days behind and a lien is put on the property, more people come in. Most people pay at that point, only a handful do not pay.</p> <p>Marsha Shute made a motion to approve the accounts payable warrant #74, seconded by Liz Lenharr, motion was approved unanimously.</p>
9.	Public Comment – Any Topic	<p>A. Public</p> <p>Kathy Kamzelski spoke up to make note of LD1829, which is in front of our legislature. There are a lot of things in that bill that will affect our community. For example, of accessory dwelling units considerations.</p>

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		<p>There is a change in handling of mobile homes being added or removed from a property. She is concerned about the adverse impact to the community if it passes and wondered if the town was aware. She would continue to keep an eye on it as well.</p> <p>Other concerns are the height of buildings is changing which may affect our firefighting ability.</p> <p>She suggests we need to update our land use ordinances, maybe make our own ordinances for ADU; make sure we've got a handle on solar battery storage rule changes.</p> <p>Kathy would also like Stockton springs to update the ordinance that limits our town to approve ordinance changes at town meetings because it means we are out of step with state statutes and other emergent issues for the town.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Q: Susan Henkel – given that we have two people running for select board, will we be able to hear from each of the candidates before the election?</p> <p>A: Abram Guay – there used to be a “meet the select board” but that ended with covid he thought</p> <p>A: Angie Porter – this sort of forum cannot be organized by the town, it would need to be set up by a person or organization</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Linda Meadows – update on the resilience grant, most notably the work happening at the community garden. She would like to acknowledge two generous donations: Larry and Shannon Leroy donated the wood for the 6 of the raised beds. Ken Hall donated 5 yards of loam for the beds.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>George Russell – regarding the door replacement in the town office, he worked on it for weeks last fall and has quotes from Viking lumber for the materials. Just needs a contractor and electrician for push button entry.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Susan Henkel – She had made several requests in the past to have RSU 20 representatives at a select meeting. She would like to thank the select board for inviting the superintendent Chris Downing, it was very informative. She's going to miss him in his retirement.</p> <p>~~~~~</p>
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		<p>Abram Guay – regarding reducing the speed zone on Rt 1 around the ball field. He met with the head traffic engineer of the state and received specific information on the next steps are the select board has to direct the town manager to make a request of the traffic engineers and they will do the study at no cost to the town. John Bellino – has an email about this and understands the process and it’s the same as what Abram mentioned. The process has started.</p> <p>Q: Betsy Bradley– do we have to find out if the town approves of doing the decrease? A: Abram Guay – part of the process is that the road commissioner (it is John Bellino) will survey residents to make sure it’s approved by residents</p> <p>////////////////////////////////////</p> <p>B. Select Board Marsha Shute – was approached by a resident of Sandy Point concerned about the area of the washout on Sandy Point road – there is a hole that’s emerged. George Russell mentioned that public works is at a standstill until they have new budget money. He saw it today, the topsoil has washed into the rocks. It’s going to take an additional \$10,000 to fix. They will complete the repair asap after the town meeting.</p> <p>C. Town Manager/Including Routing Updates John Bellino He is working on recruiting and filling the code enforcement officer. He even reached out Winterport to see if they were interested in sharing that role with their town. There is also a public works vacancy that just came up that will need to be addressed Otherwise, he has been getting ready for the town meeting and he has been involved in a lot of correspondence about the dock project and the speed limit reduction.</p>
10.	Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A ss (405) (6) (A) Personnel Matter	<p>Marsha Shute made a motion to move into executive session at 8:01pm, seconded by Liz Lenharr, the motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>The board came out of executive session at 8:41pm</p>
11.	Adjourn	<p>Marsha Shute made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm, seconded by Elizabeth Lenharr and passed by unanimous vote.</p>

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Open Action item list:

Date raised	Action	Assignment	Status
1/27/25	<p>Create warrants and plan for June town meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadband, next phase (this will be June meeting) <p>4/14- Angie mentioned that we may need to hold the meeting outside as long as weather permits since the crowd will be very large (for solar discussion).</p> <p>Can we also use the upstairs? How would we broadcast to all attendees?</p> <p>Also need to figure out where chairs are, or get more?</p> <p>Do we want to go with the assumption that it's outside unless it's bad weather. In covid we had people in cars and used flags for voting.</p> <p>As of 5/12 this is still in process, will be worked on this week with goal of getting it done 2 weeks prior to going to print (for next meeting review the warrant at select meeting, get to board members electronically before next meeting).</p> <p>Logistics: If the weather's good we will do it outside, may not have enough chairs.</p> <p>We will have microphones for the moderator and question askers. Only 144 people sitting or 202 people standing capacity.</p> <p>Need more chairs – to be discussed this week.</p>	<p>John Bellino and select board for the warrant.</p> <p>Towns report is Diane.</p>	<p>Pending.</p>
2/10/25	<p>Since the cancelation of Tally Ho purchase, the \$140,000 needs to be placed in the correct firehouse building account (separate from the fire station equipment account)</p> <p>4/14 – it was voted to be taken out of the unappropriated fund. So, it will have to be on the warrant for the town meeting to go from the unappropriated fund to the fire building capital reserve account.</p>	<p>John Bellino</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>5/12 – this will be included in the warrant, Diane has suggestion for how this should be written.</p>

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2/10/2025	<p>Bring the list of properties (tax forfeiture, gifted, town-owned) to be sold by the town for review at a future select board meeting.</p> <p>Will be presented to the board when it's closer to the town meeting – in July.</p>	John Bellino	
3/10/25 evening	<p>John will see if we have a place for policies to be stored online and if so will post the “keep the heat on” policy on the town website.</p> <p>4/14 – not yet defined. John will check with Amber to add one.</p> <p>5/12 – a review of policies needs to be done to see which are appropriate for sharing and which are internal use only.</p>	John Bellino	
4/28/25	<p>Related to non-emergency use of generator: Action – take up the Noise ordinance before the June meeting and update it so that it meets state standards, also look at other towns. John assigned.</p> <p>Consider making an ordinance that limits long term use of generators for non-emergency use</p> <p>5/12 – this would need to be worked on during the year and take into effect in 2026. In the meantime, the specific issue has been resolved. This will remain on this action item list for at least a year till 2026 town meeting</p>	John Bellino	
4/28/25	<p>Set up a speed board on Church St John took action to speak to Darren about setting that up</p>	John Bellino	
4/28/25	<p>Extending the 40 MPH area on Rt 1 from the 1A intersection back to the Searsport town line. Action John Bellino– put this on the next agenda. (May 12) On the agenda, still to do. 5/27 update: John has been in touch with folks from the state and has a clearer idea about what needs to be done. Still working on it.</p>	John Bellino	In process
5/12/25	<p>Related to a check for \$1000 from Acadian Seaplants, why have they sent the check? The</p>	John Bellino	

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	<p>town has never gotten one before (at least as far as can be remembered).</p> <p>John Bellino to talk to harbor committee. He will also call the company or neighboring towns who they also work with.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that perhaps the company should have been paying for the privilege of harvesting from our town's shores.</p>		

Completed Action items:

Date raised	Action	Assignment	Status
2/24/2025	John will have a Stockton springs draft of the tax acquired property's sales policy ready for the next meeting (March 10, 2025)	John Bellino	Discussed in 2/24/25 select board notes Completed draft reviewed in 3/10 meeting.
2/24/2025	Create a clean copy of the Keep the Heat on policy and bring back to next meeting (March 10, 2025)	John Bellino	Discussed in 2/24/25 select board notes Complete at 3/10/25 meeting
2/24/2025	Email a copy of the draft town budget to the select board for their review	John Bellino	In Process Discussed in 2/24/25 select board notes Complete – the budget review process began on 3/10/25
2/24/2025	Add solar moratorium to the next Select Board agenda (March 10, 2025)	John Bellino	Complete. Reviewed

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2/24/2025	Get the 2025 Planning Board meeting minutes posted to the town website	John Bellino	In process – need to see if other minutes after January have been posted. Complete, acknowledged at 4/14 meeting
3/10/25 Evening	John Bellino will post the updated draft of the Solar Project Moratorium to it to the website. It has to be available 10 days before the public hearing, it will need to be ready by Wednesday of this week.	John Bellino	complete
3/10/2025 morning	Budget action: John to ask George about how they came up with this number for portable potties. 4/14 Still need to confirm but John thought it was done	John Bellino	Close – this is correct in the budget. Confirmed at the 5/12/25 meeting.
3/10/2025 morning	Budget action: Amber – need to add a line to the budget for earned paid leave. She will work with John on that 4/14 – just for the ambulance that needs that, john is checking with Amy to see if that’s already in her budget.	John Bellino and Amber Poulin	Complete, confirmed at 5/12/25 meeting
4/14/25	Amber – is going to talk to the auditor for how to handle this money in/out like a general ledger account for the community garden. She will let the John know what the auditor says	Amber	Complete, confirmed at 5/12/25 meeting
4/14/25	Action item for John to check insurance for the lot where the community garden will be built – could there be an increase in rates?	John Bellino	Complete confirmed at 5/12/25 meeting
4/14/25	In the context of the personnel policy review John said he would have to check with Amy to see if the EMT budget included funds to pay for both	John Bellino	Answer is Yes. Complete. confirmed at

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	paid time off and replacement workers when someone must take time off.		5/12/25 meeting
4/28/25	Assign funds from Waldo County ARPA Action item: for John to assign the funds at a future meeting. This has to do with the 20,000 – it will be put toward items in the next year budget for front door, phone system and Trio municipal software.	John Bellino	complete confirmed at 5/12/25 meeting
4/28/25	Related to non-emergency use of a generator: Toupie Rooney to visit the renters. She will go next week, to see if they move out on May 1 st . She will take a police officer.	Toupie Rooney	Complete – the renters moved out so there is no longer an issue with the generator. confirmed at 5/12/25 meeting
4/14/25	Susan Henkel – last year about this time she wondered if we could have one of our school board representatives attend this meeting. At the time they couldn't because they worked during the day. Now that we have evening meetings, Chris Downing would like to come if the select board would invite him. John to work on getting him to join an evening meeting soon 5/12 – john has been in touch with the superintendent, they are aware of our schedule. Betsy – have they been invited to a specific meeting? Sadie – can we ask the Stockton school board member. She and Diane suggest specially they are specifically asked for a specific meeting. John suggests we have a regular meeting with a member of the school board. Betsy suggests making sure there is an agenda item for their attendance so folks can attend. The school budget is increasing \$400,000. John will reach out to set that up.	John Bellino	Completed with 5/27 meeting
4/28/25	Reach out to Seaboard Bank to see if the interest on our money market account can be increased	John Bellino	Complete in 5/27 meeting John mentioned

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			that the bank said the rate was the rate, no changes allowed.
5/12/25	Regarding getting a grant from MCOG about funding for the comprehensive plan John to attend the next resilience committee meeting to talk about this more.	John Bellino	Complete, John joined the 5/20 meeting.