

Stockton Springs Select Board Minutes

August 11, 2025 Meeting

Attendees:

Select Board Members Present	Betsy Bradley (BB) Elizabeth (Liz) Lenharr (LL) Marsha Shute (MS) - Chairperson Sadie Lloyd Mudge (SLM) – Town Manager
Select Board Members Absent	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Hardy
Community members	Approximately 11 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.

#	Agenda	Notes
1.	Roll Call: Call to Order	Marsha Shute called meeting to order at 6:00 pm roll call – see attendance above
2.	Adjustment to the agenda	Added an item (#7) for 2025 committees
3.	Approval of minutes from July 28, 2025	No changes made to the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes for July 28 th was made by Marsha Shute, seconded by Liz Lenharr, and approved unanimously.
4.	Open to the public	Susan Henkel – wants to do a shout out for Rhonda from the community builders group. Susan encountered her recently as she was carrying huge bags of garbage that she’d gathered from the roadside. Rhonda is willing to work with Susan Henkel and do a cleanup event if the community builders could drum up some more volunteers. Q: Susan Henkel - Could the sumac around the Hersey Point parking lot get cut down? This would allow pedestrians to better see whether the person camping there is still there or not and allow them to decide whether to walk that way or not. A: George Russell – yes he can do that.
5.	Town Manager Report and Update	SLM – shared a letter from Eagle Point Waste Management. No big update at this point, they will soon be communicating about Stockton Springs’ start date for utilizing this new facility. SLM shared a thank you letter from New Hope acknowledging the town’s donation. They also explained a bit about their services which includes amongst other things: a help line number, they provide hospital accompaniment, child protective services, and trainings. SLM reviewed the trails grant that Bonnie Brooks has been working on for the area off Hersey retreat road. The grant looks good, the only things missing are three estimates (three estimates is a grant requirement). Once they have those Sadie will bring the grant to the select board to review, then submit. The grant is limited in scope to improve the trails.

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		Darren Moody said the new police vehicle will be in rotation in mid-September. The vehicle just needs Stockton Springs decals and outfitting. He's also been in touch with someone who cleans out old police cars for resale and will go that route because it gets more money than their other option.
6.	Select Board reports or updates	Liz Lenharr shared that she'll be attending the first Waldo County budget meeting on August 22 nd .
7.	2025 committee appointments	SLM – has been told by Diane Reynolds that anyone appointed to a 2025 term must be read allowed in a select board meeting. She read the list which is attached as appendix 1.
8.	Payment Policy for Appointed Officials	<p>Sadie Lloyd Mudge distributed a document to the select board for consideration. She described the changes, which specifies the correct payment frequency for each position whether monthly or yearly. She also made certain pay frequencies more generic, like “the same frequency as municipal employees” in case the frequency changes in the future (from weekly to biweekly for example). They also updated the language to indicate further changes can be made with the town manager’s permission.</p> <p>Marsha Shute made a motion to approve the change to the payment policy for appointed officials, adding language that says someone can ask to be paid on a different schedule with permission of the town manager. Seconded by Liz Lenharr, the motion was approved unanimously.</p>
9.	Public Works Laborer position	<p>George and Sadie have made a hiring decision. They are not saying the name because the candidate hasn't been officially notified yet. Will announce at the next meeting.</p> <p>Q: Betsy – when will they start? A: George and Sadie simultaneously – soon.</p>
10.	Solar Bid discussion and possible award	<p>The select people received the RFP, the Bids, and the copies of the questions from the resilience committee and Sadie.</p> <p>Sarah Hardy and Aaron Zeisler were present from the resilience committee to answer questions and share the recommendation of the committee.</p> <p>Sadie shared her thoughts on battery backup – she's not sure we're ready to make the decisions necessary about battery backup. She also provided guidance about how the select people can choose the vendor generally and later specify whether to include the battery or not. She also acknowledged that there is concern in the town about batteries being hazardous materials and delaying the decision would allow us to look into details more.</p> <p>Many ideas were shared about what the town could do with any extra energy generated off the new installation including revenue generating models (selling carbon offsets or having an electric car charger onsite for example). We might even come to an agreement with the library/historical society to assist with their electric purchases in some way.</p> <p>The resilience committee recommended the larger capacity solar with no battery option from Logix. Reasons provided include: The town is currently</p>

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		<p>not fully utilizing the heat pumps in the town office, we anticipate higher energy needs if they were used more. The original goal of the grant was to make sure the solar panels provide enough energy to cover the needs of the municipal buildings, we wouldn't want to choose the option with battery but fewer panels then find out we don't cover the power needs. We plan to submit another grant to get the battery backup later and the delay will mean we're more prepared to define a good strategy and make sure it's right sized.</p> <p>Sadie – if the board does go forward with the selection today, she will ask for further clarification for battery backup going forward.</p> <p>Marsha Shute made a motion to award the town solar project to Logix for the larger system without batteries, seconded by Liz Lenharr, all in favor</p>
11.	Sign MMA executive board nomination sheet	<p>The select members reviewed a ballot for the MMA executive board candidates. There are no contested positions so no motions were necessary. By being members of the MMA, we get low cost and free legal and training services. The select board signed the ballot.</p>
12.	Treasurers warrant and report	<p>The select board members reviewed the warrants.</p> <p>Marsha Shute made a motion to approve the accounts payable warrant 85 and accounts payable warrant 10, seconded by Liz Lenharr, motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>The select board signed the warrants.</p>
13.	Open to the public	<p>Q: Jerry Altoon – regarding the solar bids. Was there info about the battery options? A: Betsy and Sadie - Yes, they were both Tesla power wall. A: Liz Lenharr indicated they were lithium ion. A: Keith Bradley – indicated that technology is changing from lithium ion to lithium sodium which poses less of a fire risk.</p> <p>SLM – There are regulations about where battery backup can be installed, also our fire dept had been trained on fighting battery fires. If we go forward in the future with batteries then the town will make sure that fire safety is considered.</p> <p>George Russell – is not getting anywhere with Viking on the front and back door install. SLM – suggest going to Hammond lumber. Sarah Hardy – for the grant application the resilience committee had gotten an estimate from Hammond just for equipment and didn't include all the options that are being considered now, but it could be a start into the conversation with Hammond. Suggested George reach out to Jim Poole. Sarah or Aaron will bring the paperwork on the estimate we received in the fall over to George.</p> <p>Sadie Lloyd Mudge– indicated that the cardboard dumpster at the public works lot will be getting removed. It is a mess and causes big conflict. SLM will also be putting a notice on the bulletin board about it.</p>

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		<p>Sadie Lloyd Mudge mentioned there may be some changes to the newsletter going forward; it's taking a lot of her time. Maybe a community member could take it on, maybe only have it on the website. More to be discussed in the future.</p> <p>Marsha Shute – the Sandy Point Community is having an ice cream social to raise money to finalize building renovations. Thursday the 14th at 6pm.</p> <p>Q: Jerry Altoon – when is the cardboard dumpster going away? A: George – at the next normal pickup, what's in there will be recycled.</p>
14.	Adjourn	<p>Marsha Shute made a motion to adjourn at 6:48pm, seconded by Liz Lenharr and passed by unanimous vote.</p>

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Appendix 1

One year terms

Amber Poulin	Assessor
George Russell	Public Works Director
Garrett Lower	Code Enforcement Officer
Angela Porter	Registrar of Voters
Amy Drinkwater	Ambulance Director
Tom Moore	EMA Director
Darrin Moody	Shellfish Warden
Allyson Corriveau-Moore	Animal Control Officer
Sarah Hardy	Recording Secretary
Darrin Moody	Police Chief
Richard Sullivan	Patrol Officer
Casey Ashe	Patrol Officer
Sadie Lloyd Mudge	Town Manager

Three Year Terms

Howard Jones	Health Officer
Wesley Shute	Shellfish Committee
Guy Perkins	Shellfish Committee
Charles Smith	Cemetery Committee
Pat Curley	Cemetery Committee
Bonita Brooks	Parks Committee
Pat Synder	Parks Committee
Kyle Braga	Planning Board
Blaine Jones	Planning Board
Scott Pace	Planning Board
Beth Smith	Recycling & Energy Conservation Committee
Charles Smith	Recycling & Energy Conservation Committee
Martha Stamp	Recycling & Energy Conservation Committee
Jenn Skala	Shellfish Committee
Particia Twum	Zoning Board of Appeals
Sheri Clark	Harbor Committee
Travis Wyman	Harbor Committee
Serena Cole	Resilience Grant Committee
Elizabeth Haynes	Resilience Grant Committee
Nadine Lysiak	Resilience Grant Committee