



# Annual Town Meeting Minutes

## Town of Whitefield

### FY 2025-2026

**Friday March 14, 2025**

Yolanda Violette, Town Clerk, opened at 2:45 pm, proceeded by reading the greeting.

*GREETINGS,*

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Whitefield, Maine in Lincoln County, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to assemble at the **Whitefield Central Fire Station**, located at 24 Townhouse Road in said Town of Whitefield on Friday the **Fourteenth day of March, 2025, at 2:45 PM**, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, the polling hours therefore to be from **3:00 PM in the afternoon until 7:00 PM in the evening**:*

*Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the polls at the following times of 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.*

*And to notify and warn said voters to assemble for the business meeting at the **Whitefield Elementary School** located at 164 Grand Army Road in said Town of Whitefield on Saturday the **Fifteenth day of March 2025 at 10:00 AM**, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 37 as set out below, to wit:*

**Article 1:** To elect a **Moderator** by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Glenn Angell was nominated to serve as Moderator, with no other nominations, it was moved and seconded, with No discussion,

Then went to vote by paper ballot by voters that were present. Unanimous 4-0 voted for Glenn Angell

**\*Article 1: The Town voted to elect Glenn Angell as Moderator to preside at said meeting.**

The town clerk, Yolanda Violette, administered the Oath of office to the moderator, Mr. Glenn Angell. Mr. Angell then deputized Tina Laskey to oversee the election of Municipal Officials, Article 2 during the polling hours of 3 pm – 7 pm. The Oath was taken by Tina Laskey as Deputy Moderator. Mr. Angell then declared the Polls OPEN at 3:00 pm for Article #2.

Moderator, Glenn Angell read Article 2...

**Article 2:** To elect by secret ballot municipal officials namely, two Select Board Members/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor; one Planning Board Member; one RSU 12 School Board Member, all for three-year terms.

**Polls Open 3 pm, Voters in line proceeded to vote.**

Deputy Moderator, Tina Laskey, **closed the polls at 7:00 pm.**

Ballots were then counted. Upon completion of the counting. Results will be read at the beginning of the business part of the Town Meeting on Saturday at 10 am.

**The Results of Article 2 are as follows...**

Select Board (2) – 3 year terms:

**Bolduc, Seth A – 86 & Write In: Anderson, Erin – 53** with Complete list of write-ins in Town Clerk files.

Planning Board – 3 year term:

**Pennock, Christopher – 3** & Complete list of write-ins in Town Clerk files.

RSU #12 School Board – 3 year term:

**Goetzman, Kathleen - 61** & Complete list of write-ins in Town Clerk files.

**Saturday March 15, 2025**

Yolanda opened the Town Meeting at 10:04 am, she welcomed all those present for the business part of the annual town meeting.

*GREETINGS EVERYONE and GOOD MORNING!* 😊

Thank you for coming out this morning to the Whitefield Annual Town Meeting, this Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025

We gathered yesterday Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 at the Whitefield Fire Station at 2:45 pm to act on

Article 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

There was a motion and a second for the nomination of Glenn Angell, it went to vote by paper ballot by those present at the time. It was unanimous, Glenn Angell was elected as Moderator. The Vote was 4-0

He then Appointed Tina Laskey as Deputy Moderator to oversee Article 2, the election of municipal officials by secret ballot. The Polls opened at 3 pm til 7 pm.

The Number of Voters yesterday were 91 (Absentee and in person)

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**Goetzman, Kathleen – 61** & the complete list of write-ins in Town Clerk files.

Congratulations to those elected and excepted the positions and Thank you for your desire to serve the Town of Whitefield. I look forward to working with you over the next 3 years. For those here that were elected if you could see me after the meeting and we can swear you in, I'd appreciate it.

Before we move on to the business meeting we would like take a moment to present the 2025 Spirit of America Award.... This will be presented by Seth Bolduc.

Thank you Road Committee Members!!!

One more item before we begin.

I would like to Thank Keith for his 2 terms or 6 six years on the select board. It has been a pleasure working with you. But he isn't leaving completely, he will continue to volunteer on the road committee. THANK YOU, Keith!!!

Committees, we have many committees and are always welcoming new members, if you or someone you know is interested reach out to me or check out our website for contact information.

Now that we have acknowledged those let us now begin the business meeting, Article 3 thru Article 37.....

I will now hand over the floor to our Moderator, Glenn Angell to preside over the said meeting...

Thank you All

Mr Glenn Angell began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance,

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**Article 3:**

To see if the **Town will fix dates when taxes shall be due and payable**, and to see if the **Town will fix an annual interest rate** to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the **Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes** not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506, amount not to exceed previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayments will be zero percent.  
24/25 budget year interest rate 5%.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF: Taxes due **Monday, December 1, 2025** and **Friday, May 1, 2026** and a **5%** interest rate for unpaid taxes.

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 3:** The **Town voted to the fixed dates of Monday, December 1, 2025 and Friday May 1, 2026 when taxes shall be due and payable**, and The **Town voted on the fixed annual interest rate of 5%** to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the **Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes** not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §506, amount not to exceed previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayments will be zero percent.

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**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus funds to **pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.**

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 4:** The **Town voted to appropriate** from surplus funds for **tax abatements and any interest due thereon.**

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**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Town Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan** for property taxes, whereby:

- the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his or her estimated and actual tax obligation for the current year property taxes;
  - the Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
  - the Town authorizes the Town Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
  - the agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club;
  - only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program;
  - taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the town by a publicly advertised deadline determined by the Town Tax Collector.
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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 5:** The Town voted to authorize the **Town Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan** for property taxes as stated above.

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**Article 6:** To see if the town will authorize the **Treasurer, after Select Board Approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure of a tax lien** at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §944 on real estate that may be contrary to the Town's best interest.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 6:** The **Town voted to authorize the Treasurer, after Select Board Approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure of a tax lien** at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §944 on real estate that may be contrary to the Town's best interest.

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**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts** to negotiate optimal value for the procurement of certain necessary services to the Town.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 7:** The **Town voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts** to negotiate optimal value for the procurement of certain necessary services to the Town.

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**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes** thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same; in accordance with the process required by law, Title 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 8:** The **Town voted to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes** thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same; in accordance with the process required by law, Title 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

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**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town** and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 9:** The **Town voted to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town** and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

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**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations** on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 10:** The **Town voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations** on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes.

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**Article 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the **Select Board to dispose of Town owned property valued up to \$1,000**. Property valued over \$1,000 will be sold through auction or sealed-bid process.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 11:** The **Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned property valued up to \$1,000**. Property valued over \$1,000 will be sold through auction or sealed-bid process.

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**Article 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide **Compensation to the Select Board** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$19,626

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$21,813 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$21,813 (5-0)

**Note:** The increase includes hiring a secretary for the purpose of taking minutes.

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, Why the increase? Seth responded we will be looking to hire a secretary to take the minutes at meetings.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 12:** The **Town voted to raise and appropriate \$21,813** to provide **Compensation to the Select Board** during the ensuing fiscal year.

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**Article 13:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing **Compensation and Employee benefits for Town Employees** during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$244,172

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$259,660 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$259,660 (5-0)

**Note:** This includes Admin Salaries, Insurances, Social Security for all departments (including part time employees), Income Protection, Retirement, Accrued Wage Expense, Travel, and Training.

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 13: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$259,660 for the purpose of providing Compensation and Employee benefits for Town Employees during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general expenses associated with the **Operation of Town Government** during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$130,710

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$136,939 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$136,839 (5-0)

**Note:** Includes MMA dues, subscriptions, registry, advertising, office supplies, postage, telephone, utilities, heat, property insurance, workers compensation insurance, legal services, audit fees, assessing fees, computer software (TRIO), maintenance, tax bills, town reports, tax map & GIS updates, website, other contracted services, office equipment, land taxes, preservation of records, etc.

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, Why the difference? Seth responded, BC recommends no increase in electricity because of the new solar panels on sand shed.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 14: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$136,939 for general expenses associated with the Operation of Town Government during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 15:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Elections** expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$4,125

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$4,250 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$4,250 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 15: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$4,250 for Elections expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Planning Board** expenses and **Code Enforcement Officer (CEO)** expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$15,718

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$16,216 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$16,216 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 16: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$16,216 for Planning Board (\$5,833) expenses and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) (\$10,383) expenses during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Facilities Maintenance** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$56,251  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$53,950 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$53,950 (4-0-1)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 17: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$53,950 for Facilities Maintenance during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Operation of the Whitefield Fire Department** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$196,545  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$225,785 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$225,685 (5-0)  
  
Note: This includes the Annual Emergency Management Operations \$500 (Year #8) that is part of Article #28 non-lapsing approval. Delta rates increase from \$25 to \$35 per capita

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, What is Delta's increase? Seth responded it was \$25.00 per capita now it's \$35 per capita  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 18: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$225,785 for the Operation of the Whitefield Fire Department during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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At this point, Moderator Mr Angell asked for the town to allow Non-residents to speak. It needs a 2/3 vote of the voters.

It was moved and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes

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**Article 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Control Contract** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$9,000  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$10,500 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$10,500 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, Is it flat rate or per call? Does it include shelter? Brian responded it is per call and we do contract with Midcoast Humane but that is under another article coming up.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 19: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,500 for the Animal Control Contract during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maintenance and Repairs of Town Roads** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$591,570  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$466,025 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$466,025 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, Why the decrease? Keith responded, we are doing a little less paving this year, due to the rising costs of paving.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 20: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$466,025 for Maintenance and Repairs of Town Roads during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Winter Maintenance of Town Roads** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$465,700  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$464,300 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$464,300 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 21: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$464,300 for Winter Maintenance of Town Roads during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Program** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$2,000  
  
SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$2,000 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$2,000 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,



With little discussion, What is GA? Yolanda responded, It is for those that are in need for assistance for the basic necessities.

Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 22: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the General Assistance Program during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Soldiers' Graves, Cemetery Maintenance and the Whitefield Cemetery** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$8,200

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$8,300 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$8,300 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,

Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 23: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$8,300 for Soldiers' Graves, Cemetery Maintenance and the Whitefield Cemetery during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 24:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the following outside services: **Midcoast Humane & Hatch Hill** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$27,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$26,900 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$26,900 (5-0)

**Note:** Midcoast Humane, \$3,900; Hatch Hill, \$23,000

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion,

Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 24: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$26,900 in support of the following outside services: Midcoast Humane, (\$3,900) & Hatch Hill, (\$23,000) during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Salaries and Utilities for the Recycling Center** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$4,869

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$5,419 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$5,344 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation of \$5,419 and seconded,  
A motion to amend to \$5,344 was moved and seconded. Vote taken on amendment motion,

Motion FAILED to amend. Back to the Original motion of \$5,419

Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written on original motion.

**\*Article 25: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$5,419 for Salaries and Utilities for the Recycling Center during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 26:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Capital Outlay** during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$9,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$9,000 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$9,000 (5-0)

**Note:** This is the 8<sup>th</sup> Year

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, How much is in the account? Yolanda responded, \$22,330  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 26: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for the Fire Department Capital Outlay during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Town Grader/Road Equipment Maintenance fund** during the ensuing fiscal year.

24/25 Budget was \$0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$8,000 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$8,000 (5-0)

**Note:** This is the first year, to become an annual article for the purpose of building a fund for future repair or even to purchase new equipment.

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With little discussion, Is this the first year? Keith responded, yes because this past year we had grader issues and thought we were going to need a new one, but it was repairable and that is when we realized we did not have a fund for such a large expenditure. This will create a fund for future needs.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 27: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for a Town Grader/Road Equipment Maintenance fund during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to lapse all balances into undesignated Fund Balance except those which must be carried forward by statute and the balances of the following accounts: **Emergency Management Operations, Fire Department Capital, Maintenance and Repairs for Town Roads and the Grader/Road Equipment Maintenance fund** these accounts will not lapse and to allow the Select Board to expend from them in future years for their designated purposes.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 28: The Town voted to lapse all balances into undesignated Fund Balance except those which must be carried forward by statute and the balances of the following accounts: Emergency Management Operations, Fire Department Capital, Maintenance and Repairs for Town Roads and the Grader/Road Equipment Maintenance fund these**

accounts will not lapse and to allow the Select Board to expend from them in future years for their designated purposes.

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**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$600

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$600 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$600 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 29: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$600 for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the **Debt Service incurred for the Fire Department and Fire Truck** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$55,697

Fire Truck Principal	\$18,922
Fire Truck Interest	\$ 3,025
Fire Station Principal	\$18,272
Fire Station Interest	<u>\$14,707</u>
	\$54,926

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$54,926 (4-0)  
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$54,926 (5-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 30: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$54,926 to support the Debt Service incurred for the Fire Department and Fire Truck during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 31:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Donations to the following Organizations** during the ensuing year:

	Previous Budget FY 24/25	Organization Requested FY 25-26	Select Board FY 25-26	Budget Comm FY 25-26	Select Board Recomnd	Budget Comm Recomnd
American Red Cross	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Midcoast ME Com Act	\$ 1,000	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Maine General Hospice	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,137	4-0	4-0
Kenn. Behavioral Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
New Hope Midcoast	\$ 580	\$ 640	\$ 640	\$ 640	4-0	4-0
Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,144	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	4-0	4-0
Young at Heart	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	4-0	4-0
Children Center	\$ 1,128	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Healthy Kids	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	4-0	4-0
Waldo County Com Act	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
Lifeflight	\$ 0	\$ 602	\$ 602	\$ 602	4-0	4-0

<b>Midcoast Conservancy</b> (new)	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	4-0	4-0
Totals	\$7,914	<b>\$ 6,754</b>	<b>\$ 6,754</b>	<b>\$ 5,754</b>		

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$6,754 (see above for Recommendation #'s)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$5,754 (see above for Recommendation #'s)

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The article was moved as written, from the budget committee recommendation of \$5,754 and seconded, A motion to amend to \$6,754 was moved and seconded. Vote taken on amended motion, Motion PASSED to amend to \$6,754. With lots of discussion, Motion to cease discussion, was moved and seconded. Went to vote by show of hands, Motion PASSED to cease discussion.

A motion to amend to \$6,152, w/ Life Flight at \$0 & Midcoast Conservancy at \$2,000 was moved and seconded. Vote taken on amended motion,

Motion PASSED to amend to \$6,152. More discussion

A motion to amend to \$5,015 removing Maine General Hospice at \$1,137, was moved and seconded. Vote taken on amended motion,

Motion PASSED to amend.

Went to vote by show of hands on the \$5,015, majority in favor, Motion PASSED on the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment of \$5,015.

**\*Article 31: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$5,015 for Donations to the following Organizations during the ensuing year:**

<b>New Hope</b>	<b>\$ 640</b>
<b>Spectrum Generations</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Young at Heart</b>	<b>\$ 175</b>
<b>Healthy Kids</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Midcoast Conservancy</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

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**Article 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Whitefield Library** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$20,000

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$20,000 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$19,800 (4-0)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded, With lots discussion, Motion to cease discussion was moved and seconded. Went to vote by show of hands to cease discussion, Motion PASSED to cease discussion.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 32: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Whitefield Library during the ensuing fiscal year.**

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**Article 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Whitefield Food Bank** during the ensuing fiscal year.  
24/25 Budget was \$3,000 (\$1,500 Taxes + \$1,500 from William Turner Charity Trust)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$3,000 (4-0)

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SAME: \$3,000 (4-0)

Note: \$1,500 will come from William Turner Charity (see revenue sources Article # 35)

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The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 33:** The **Town voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000** for the **Whitefield Food Bank**  
during the ensuing fiscal year. \$1,500 to come from William Turner Charity (see revenue sources  
Article # 35)

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**Article 34:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received by the Town from the **State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Snowmobile Club** for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. These funds are to be used for the maintenance of snowmobile trails within the Town.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With little discussion, How much is this? Yolanda responded, this past year \$589. It is money in, money out.  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 34:** The **Town voted to** appropriate all funds received by the Town from the **State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Snowmobile Club** for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. These funds are to be used for the maintenance of snowmobile trails within the Town.

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**Article 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the **Select Board to expend funds from the following General Fund revenue sources to be applied toward the 25/26 budget** thereby decreasing the amount to be raised from property taxes.

Auto Excise	\$ 475,000
Boat Excise	\$ 2,200
Agent Fees	\$ 12,150
Licenses/Certificates	\$ 950
Cemetery Mowing Reimbursement	\$ 2,040
Veteran	\$ 2,000
Tree Growth	\$ 9,000
Renewable Energy	\$ 300
Interest on Taxes	\$ 5,000
Lien Cost	\$ 3,500
Bank Interest	\$ 6,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 4,900
Will Turner Charity Fund (Food Pantry)	\$ 1,500
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 58,000
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 832,540</b>

The article was moved as written, from the select board recommendation and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 35:** The **Town voted to appropriate** and authorize the **Select Board to expend funds from the General Fund revenue sources totaling \$832,540 (as listed above) to be applied toward the 25/26 budget** thereby decreasing the amount to be raised from property taxes.

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**Article 36:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Select Board to move funds in the municipal budget from categories with balances to those with deficits** during the ensuing fiscal year.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 36:** The **Town voted to** authorize the **Select Board to move funds in the municipal budget from categories with balances to those with deficits** during the ensuing fiscal year.

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**Article 37:** To authorize the **Select Board to accept and expend any other revenue from State, Federal, local or private sources** for the support of the Town during the ensuing fiscal year.

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The article was moved as written and seconded,  
With No discussion,  
Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passes as written.

**\*Article 37:** The **Town voted to** authorize the **Select Board to accept and expend any other revenue from State, Federal, local or private sources** for the support of the Town during the ensuing fiscal year.

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Motion from the floor to adjourn and seconded.

Went to vote by show of hands, majority in favor, Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:58 pm

Attested: /S/ Signature on file in Town Clerk Records  
Whitefield Town Clerk, Yolanda Violette