

TOWN OF SCOTLAND

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

November 25, 2025 - 7:00pm

Location: Scotland Volunteer Community Hall
47 Brook Road

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by First Selectman. Present: Selectman John Aldrich, Selectman Michael Gurnack, Treasurer David Zito and Executive Administrator Wendy O'Connor.
2. Additions to Agenda: None
3. Audience with Citizens: None
4. Approval of previous BOS Meeting Minutes:
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve the minutes of October 27th, 2025 BOS minutes, seconded by Dana Barrow Jr. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer David Zito presented the treasurer's report. Attached to minutes.
6. Approval of Tax Refund – Lisa Wasel for \$10.66
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$10.66 for Lisa Wasel, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.
7. Approval of 2026 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates:
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve the 2026 Board of Selectmen meeting dates, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.
8. Discussion and action on CIF Grant Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to apply for and receive CIF grant funding. Discussion was held on applying for Round 8 CIF Grant to cover the escalating costs for the town hall renovation project. The amount is still to be determined.
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Mike Gurnack to authorize the First Selectman to apply for and receive CIF Grant Funding, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried
9. Appointment to the Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD): Jill St. Clair has volunteered to represent Scotland. Mike Gurnack, John Aldrich, carried.
 - **MOTION:** Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve to appoint Jill St. Clair as our representative on the Eastern Region Tourism District, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.
10. Audience with Citizens: None

11. Selectmen's Report

- Budget: Besides the increase in the PHHS budget we will need to be adding MORE money into our Transfer station budget for repairs to equipment needed.
- State Mandates: No new mandates this month
- Zip Code Issues: No updates. Senator Murphy has not introduced the Bill yet.
- NECCOG: Administration Position to help with the local towns program. FOI training is scheduled for December.
- Council of Small Towns [COST. The Majority of small towns opposes HB 8002 for a number of reasons for a vast number of reasons.
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities [CCM]: The town has registered the First Selectman to attend CCM annual conference at Mohegan Sun.
- The Town Hall Renovation Project: We received back the Town Hall Renovation and Site work cost back. The cost is significantly higher than the available funds. The committee met tonight exploring areas that can be cut back, doing some work in house and reaching out for more available funds. The town will be applying for round 8 CIF funds next week. Also if possible get additional money from STEAP grants
- Roads / Public Works. The Public Works Department is getting the trucks ready to plow the sand and plow the roads
- Bridges: The town met with DOT on the bridge financing. We should be all set to fund two Bridges next year and two the following year and the final one in year 2028.
- Fire Department: The fire Department is planning the annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 14th
- The Town of Scotland:
- Grants: Community Center maintenance Grant: The Grant Construction Information has been placed on the State Web Site, closing today at 2:00 PM. We had a number of bidders and the awards will be made after approval from DECD
- Grange Hall: Farmers' Market is closed for the season.
- Solar Project: Siting Council will render a decision by January 21st
- Cell Tower: They will be installing a cell tower on Bass Rd in Windham next to the Scotland Town line on Kemp Rd. Please write any opposition to the Siting Council.
- Landfill Permit: Sticker are available for purchase at a cost of \$ 25.00 per household from the Town Clerk Monday and Thursday from 9-3 PM and Wednesday from 1-7 PM.
- *Scotland residents: My door is always open to discuss anything, and the BOS meets on the 4th Wednesdays, I encourage all residents to come to the meetings.*

12. Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm made by Mike Gurnack, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.