



TOWN OF SCOTLAND

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

June 9th, 2026

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, Dana Barrow Jr. at 7:15 pm. Present were Dana Barrow Jr., First Selectman, Michael Gurnack, Selectman, Jonathan Aldrich, Selectman, David Zito, Treasurer, Wendy O'Connor, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, Sharon George, Town Clerk and members of the audience.

First Selectman Barrow opened the meeting with an update on the bridges that are pending repair and the rehabilitation of the Town Hall project.

1. To elect a Moderator:

Motion to nominate Terry Delaney as Moderator made by John Beck, 2nd Carol Withington. No other nominations.

Motion carries.

Moderator, Terry Delaney, reads the call for the meeting and begins by thanking the citizens of Scotland for coming and wishes to review meeting rules before proceeding.

- Each individual wishing to speak must approach the microphone, state their name and address
- All questions and comments should be addressed to the Board of Selectmen and not to other members of the audience.
- To vote, please raise your hand and leave it up until you are told to put it down
- Please silence your cell phones

2. To consider and act upon the budget of Scotland Elementary School/Board of Education and levy a tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320 for, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st.

Motion to consider and act upon the budget of Scotland Elementary School/Board of Education and levy a tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320 for, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st made by Rob Brautigam, 2nd by Clair D'Appollonio

52- YES 3 NO

Motion carries

3. To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen that appropriations be made for the expenditure of Town Aid monies for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and to make such appropriations as are advisable.

Motion to consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen that appropriations be made for the expenditure of Town Aid monies for fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and to make such appropriations as are advisable made by Jen Nelson, 2nd by Rob Brautigam.

60-YES 0-NO

Motion carries

4. To empower the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$500,000 in anticipation of tax revenue;

Motion to empower the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed \$500,000 in anticipation of tax revenue made by Wendy Sears, 2nd Carol Withington

62-YES 0-NO

Motion carries.

5. To consider and act upon the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan;

Motion to consider and act upon the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan made by Jennifer Nelson, 2nd by Rob Brautigam

Treasurer David Zito gave a Power Point presentation that outlined the expected purchases over the next 5 years. These included Roads & Bridges, Town Hall Renovation, DPW upgrades, Fire Department upgrades to equipment, Elementary School repairs, as well as several other miscellaneous items.

61-YES 0-NO

Motion carries

6. To consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget;

Motion to consider and act upon the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget made by John Beck, 2nd by Wendy Sears

Treasurer, David Zito, continued the Power Point to showcase the breakdown of the budget for the year 2027.

54-YES 1-NO

Motion carries

7. To consider and act upon an Ordinance for Tax Abatement for SVFD Volunteers

Motion to consider and act upon an Ordinance for Tax Abatement for SVFD Volunteers made by Claire D'Appollonio, 2nd by Josh Lapan

President of SVFD, Scott Cormier, spoke to this stating that we already offer this deduction and this motion would just increase the amount from the Current \$1500 to the maximum allowable of \$2000.

Blair Rollin and Rob Brautigam wanted a more in-depth explanation of how this tax abatement was earned by an individual. Scott Cormier explained that not everyone received the full amount, and that it was distributed based on attendance of calls, trainings, meetings and other parameters.

Kevin Ring gave a review of calls going back to 2020 and the number of people who were participating in this program.

Linda Rollin made a motion to move to paper ballot for this question, 2nd by Blair Rollin

4-YES 61-NO

Motion failed

On the original motion:

64-YES 3-No

Motion carries

8. To elect a member of the Regional District 11 Board of Education for a term of three years;

Motion to elect Chloe Reed to the Regional District 11 Board of Education for a term of three years made by Cassidy Martin, 2nd by Lisa LaBelle

Ms. Reed could not attend this evening's meeting but sent a statement that was read by Cassidy Martin.

50-YES 4-NO

Motion carries

9. To consider and act upon the budget of the General Government and levy a tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st.

Motion to consider and act upon the budget of the General Government and levy a tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st made by Wendy Sears, 2nd Cassidy Martin.

Treasurer, David Zito continued his Power Point presentation with slides that highlighted the proposed physical 2027 budget. These included revenues and the estimated mil rate of 32.54, a 1.11 increase over the last year.

57-YES 2-NO

Motion carries

10. To levy a tax upon the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320 for Regional School District 11, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st.

Motion to levy a tax upon the Grand List of October 1, 2025 of \$156,004,320 for Regional School District 11, subject to state mandated tax rates for the Motor Vehicle Grand List of \$15,098,710. Real Estate and Personal Property are due in 2 installments over \$100 on July 1st and January 1st. Motor Vehicle bills are due July 1st. Motor vehicle supplemental bills are due January 1st made by Scott Sears, 2nd by Cassidy Martin.

50-YES 5-NO

Motion carries

11. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. -None

12. Adjournment

Moton to adjourn at 8:39pm made by Clark Stearns, 2nd by Wendy Sears.

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sharon George
Town Clerk, Scotland