

TOWN OF SCOTLAND

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Scotland Town Hall - 9 Devotion Road, P.O. Box 288 Scotland, CT 06264
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

July 21st, 2026 - 7:00pm

Location: Scotland Volunteer Community Hall
47 Brook Road

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by First Selectman Dana Barrow Jr. Present: Selectman John Aldrich; Selectman Michael Gurnack (online); Treasurer David Zito; Executive Administrator Wendy O'Connor
2. Additions to Agenda: None
3. Audience with Citizens: None
4. Approval of the previous BOS Meeting Minutes:
 - **MOTION: Motion made by Dana Barrow Jr. to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Selectmen meetings, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.**
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - Treasurer David Zito presented the treasurer's report. Attached to minutes.
6. Budget Transfer Requests: (requests attached to minutes)
 - **MOTION: Motion to approve requested budget transfers made by John Aldrich, seconded by Mike Gurnack. Motion carried.**
7. Approval of Tax Refunds:
 - **Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve the following tax refunds: Joshua Gurnack - \$324.99; Holly Hearn & Lynn Farrell - \$9.12; Lee Jones - \$2,263.91; Thomas Pelc - \$156.20; Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. - \$141.29, second by John Aldrich. Motion carried.**
8. Discussion of possible Tax Late Fee Adjustment: First Selectman Dana Barrow Jr. discussed the late payment fee for Henry Bowers. Tax Assessor inadvertently put in the incorrect address, and he did not receive one of his tax bills, he owns several properties in town and was not aware he did not receive one of the tax bills for his properties. Discussion was held.
 - **MOTION: Motion made by Dana Barrow Jr. that if the tax collector and tax assessor do not have any exceptions to us granting in this case, the interest penalty charge will be removed, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.**

9. Audience with Citizens: Henry Bowers received a quote of \$187.37 to replace the Bowers Park sign on Route 97. The company he has used in the past is Copycats out of New London. Would use a material called Dibond, which is a metal product that will withstand the climate better, and the estimate it could last for 20 years. With the assistance of Sam Nunn, he and Henry will put the sign up. Discussion was held.
- ***Motion made by Mike Gurnack to approve purchase of replacement sign for Bowers Park, cost of \$187.37 and that the money be taken out of the account the treasurer deems appropriate, seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.***
10. Selectmen's Report:
- Budget: The Town budget passed on the first vote. I want to thank the Town Residents for their vote of confidence that we (BOS) will do everything in our power to save money while running this town. As we know the Town had a large increase in the Budget mostly due to educational expenses that is currently unavoidable.
 - State Mandates: No new mandates this month.
 - Zip Code Issues: No change.
 - NECCOG: Nothing reportable
 - Council of Small Towns [COST]. I will be attending the fall conference in October.
 - Connecticut Conference of Municipalities [CCM]:]. I will be attending the fall conference.
 - Scotland Recreational Trails application: No word back from the State. Bart Law and I have been emailing for answers.
 - The Town Hall Renovation Project: We received the three Bids, and we were about to move on to the project with the lowest Bid when the company withdrew their bid. We do not have enough funds at this point to award the project to the next highest bidder. We have put in for additional money from the CIF on round 9 but we won't hear until October if we will get any.
 - Roads / Public Works. Public: Conn OSHA visited the Town Hall, Library and the Public Works Garage. All of the Physical changes that were needed have been completed based on violations. We expect the report by tomorrow. Paving of Kemp Rd is expected to start
 - Bridges: The Bridges were going to be delayed until next spring. I wrote a very pointed email to all including the Commissioner of DOT. The following day I met with District 2 and the Bridge designers. DOT Commissioner gave instructions to start the bidding procedure before all the signatures were in place to get the project moving. We opened Bids yesterday. Construction will start on both Bri
 - Fire Department: The Town would like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for their work, especially in inclement weather conditions.
 - Community Center: To rent the Community Center Hall, please contact Wendy O'Conner at the Town Hall during normal work hours. Please note: The Community Center is still run by a group of Volunteers that manage the Center for the use of the Town residents. Thank you to those volunteers.
 - STEAP Grant: The work has been completed at the Public Safety Building.
 - Grange Hall: Farmers' Market will be open.
 - Solar Project: The project has started with a few roads into the field.
 - Cemetery: The new Flagpole looks great with the landscaping done by Sharon George and helpers.
 - Memorial Day: Ceremony was held inside at the SES Gym. The service was well attended. Thank you to Bill D'Apponio
 - 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 3rd Tuesdays, I encourage all residents to come to the meetings.*
11. Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm made by Mike Gurnack seconded by John Aldrich. Motion carried.