

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

6:00PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Kurt Youlan and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Steve Michaud. Guest: Eric Cousins
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
3. **New Business: 3-1: Cworx & Co. Marijuana Business License Renewal:**
3-1a: Review Application: Inspection all good no issues. **3-1b: Public Hearing:** Opened public hearing, no comments from public, closed public hearing.
3-1c: Action as Warranted: Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-2: Fiscal 2026 Property Tax Commitment: 3-2a: Review/Approve Projected Revenues:** Town Manager, prepared an estimate of town revenues for the coming year, along with historic data from the last four years. The town's expense budget grew by about \$192,000, our operating revenues are projected to increase by substantially more than that, thus reducing the town's dependence on property taxes to operate. Three rate scenarios were presented, after reviewing all three scenarios and having discussion about all three scenarios, there was a motion and second to set the mil rate at 13.60%, unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business/Projects: 4-1: Willard Drive Property Bids: 4-1a: Review Bids:** Tabled until next meeting. **4-2: Leavitt Institute:** Nothing new **4-3: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Nothing new **4-4: Transfer Station:** Ordered two new containers, will keep one of the old ones for overflow. **4-5: Public Works Building:** Nothing new
5. **Regular Reports: 5-1: Fire Department:** 36 calls for month of August, total calls for the year to date 283. All hoses and ladders were tested on August 6th, and all passed inspection. New SCBA's were ordered on August 5th. Tank 4 has been fixed and is back in service. Fire Department will check all town fire extinguish on a regular basis. **5-2: Rescue Department:** 88 calls for month of August, bringing total calls year to date 817. Interviewed three candidates for the position of Deputy Rescue Chief and Chip Richardson was selected to be the new Deputy Rescue Chief, he has been handling things whenever Chief, Lisa Bennett was out. Also have a new Training Officer which is Zac Creps. Currently there is a Food Drive going on with a little friendly competition between Coach Terry's and Rescue, food can also be dropped off at Jimmy's General Store, the food drive ends September 13th. Lisa Bennett was approached about having an EMT on site for all the Middle School

Football games. Currently a truck is on site at the High School games, as a courtesy, the department is not paid to have a truck at the games, if a tone is dropped then the truck needs to respond to the tone. Lisa explained that if the school would like an EMT committed to the games then there would be charge. **5-3: Town Manager:** Office will be switching over to Trio Web. Requesting to close the office at 1:30 for a training on the new Trio Web, motion and second to close the office at 1:30 on September 10th, unanimous vote. Trio Web will go live on September 17th.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 7. Executive Session – Code Enforcement – pursuant to 1 M R S A 405 (6) (E) – Violations :** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:25pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to conclude executive session at 7:38pm.
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M Allaire, LCC
Town of Turner