

Town of Wayne, Maine
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2026
Ladd Recreation Center

Call Meeting to Order/ Select Board Present:

Henry Steck determined quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with the following members present: Marianne Butak, Lloyd Irland and Hazel Stevenson. Tom Moran joined via Zoom.

Town Manager Shannon McDonnell was also present.

Consider Additional Business: None.

Conflicts: None.

Presentation: Jennifer Peasnell, Watershed Friends. The organization requested \$1,900 of support from the Town of Wayne in the upcoming fiscal year. Jennifer provided an overview of the organization's work to detect and manage invasive aquatic plant species, which have not been identified in the Berry, Dexter or Wilson Ponds. However, the organization plans to provide courtesy boat inspectors at Wilson public boat launch on Saturdays this summer.

Public Hearing: The Chair opened the public hearing at 6:39 regarding the Liquor License Renewal Application for Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp. Betsy Clark spoke via Zoom to point out the floor plan does not include the café/restaurant but instead refers to the retail store, although the application states it is for a restaurant. The Chair closed the public hearing at 6:49 and the Select Board moved to TABLE the Liquor License Renewal Application for Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp to get clarification on the classification of the premises. **(Butak/Stevenson) (5-0)**.

Minutes:

- a. The Board approved the Select Board Meeting Minutes for March 17th, 2026. **(Butak/Moran) (5-0)**.

Warrants/Donations:

- a. The Board approved Payroll Warrant #36 in the amount of \$13,256.87 **(Butak/Stevenson) (5-0)**.
- b. The Board approved Accounts Payable Warrant #37 in the amount of \$342,560.87 **(Butak/Stevenson) (5-0)**.
- c. The Board accepted donations in the amount of \$2,551.80 to supplement the existing appropriation for Ladd Recreation Center programs. **(Stevenson/Steck) (5-0)**.
- d. The Board accepted donations in the amount of \$480.00 to supplement the existing appropriation for the Wayne Athletic League program. **(Stevenson/Butak) (5-0)**.

New Business:

- a. The Board appointed Robert Bandy to the Comprehensive Plan Committee **(Moran/Steck) (5-0)**
- b. The Board discussed its role in response to the Regional School Unit (RSU) #38 grade consolidation decision. Members generally agreed that the Board's primary responsibility is to ensure the RSU follows

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all applicable legal requirements, procedures, and provisions within the regional agreement, including due process, public notice, and opportunities for community input. Legal counsel has been consulted to clarify statutory requirements related to grade consolidation, as these are less clearly defined than school closure procedures. The Board indicated it would take action if it is determined that required processes were not followed. The Board opened the discussion to residents, who highlighted broader community impacts, including potential effects on property values, family decisions to remain in or move to the town, and the long-term viability of the school. Eric Stinneford requested the Select Board send a strongly worded letter to the RSU. Lynette Stinneford shared her experience as a combined kindergarten/first grade teacher, explaining the challenges posed to teachers, but also the rewards of a successful program. Stan Davis expressed concern about the process and the RSU maintaining trust with the community and suggested the Comprehensive Plan Committee incorporate the elementary school into the town plan. Dr. Paula Nersesian shared her perspective as a resident who specializes in community health and population health, stating, “Robust, healthy communities are multi-generational and... the Town of Wayne would benefit from multiple age groups represented.” Select Board Member Lloyd Irland asked for a show of hands, how many attendees had kids who attended the elementary school. Approximately 20 community members raised their hands. There was a general consensus that, regardless of legality, the Board communicate community concerns to the RSU and advocate for greater transparency and public engagement moving forward.

The Board approved a motion to send a letter to the RSU indicating that there have been extensive and passionate public comments and the Select Board is concerned about the due process rights of the town having been observed in the RSU decision process and the Select Board requests the RSU Board to reconsider. **(Stevenson/Butak) (5-0)**.

The Board approved a motion to form a committee to determine options to the Town relative to the Wayne Elementary School and add a budget item of \$25,000. **(Stevenson/Steck) (5-0)**.

Old Business:

- a. The Board TABLED the Aging-At-Home Ordinance to ensure the certification signature blocks are included at the end.
- b. The Board reviewed town attorney revisions to the proposed interlocal agreement with the Town of Readfield for shared Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector (CEO/LPI) services. The Board directed the Town Manager to send it to the Town of Readfield for Town Meeting consideration.
- c. The Board TABLED the Budget Review and Warrant Article Discussion to the next meeting. The Chair encouraged all Select Board members to attend the April 14th Budget Committee Meeting and directed the Town Manager to advertise it as a joint meeting.

Public Comment. None.

Town Manager Report.

- a. General Assistance audit was conducted on March 24th. The Town received a letter of compliance.
- b. Final reimbursement for the Courts Project: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant received. Balance of \$3,989.95 remaining in the Courts Project account.
- c. Nomination papers for (2) Select Board positions, (2) School Board positions, and (1) Budget Committee position are available at the town office and must be turned in by Friday, April 10th.
- d. The Planning Board is still seeking an Alternate Member. Their next meeting is scheduled 4/23 at 6:30 PM in the Ladd Recreation Center and will hold three public hearings for: proposed amendments to the Town of Wayne Solar Ordinance, Town of Wayne Land Use Ordinance: Heavy Industry Definition and Code Enforcement Officer.
- e. Reminder: The Ladd Recreation Center Board and the Select Board will hold a workshop at the Ladd Recreation Center (LRC) on April 9th at 6:30 PM to review and discuss the proposed LRC Ordinance.
- f. The Infrastructure Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 13th at 9:30 AM in the Town Office.
- g. The Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 PM at the Ladd Recreation Center. This will be advertised as a joint meeting with the Select Board.
- h. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting April 15th, at 6:30 PM in the Town Office.
- i. Taking nominations for the Spirit of America Volunteerism Award and Annual Report Dedication.

Select Board Comment.

- a. Lloyd Irland stated he will not be present for the April 21st meeting. He also mentioned Pickerel Pond is melting and a loon is present. Friday he will be bringing an intern to the office.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM. (Steck/Butak) (5-0).

The next meeting will be a **special** Select Board Meeting scheduled in conjunction with the Budget Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.** by Hybrid format.

The next **regular** Select Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21st, at 6:30 p.m.** by Hybrid format.

Recorded by:

Shannon McDonnell, Town Manager

Select Board Members



 Marianne Butak



 Henry Steck



 Lloyd Irland

 Hazel Stevenson


