

TOWN OF PATTEN

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PATTEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

These minutes are not verbatim.

Location: Public Works Garage, 23 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 5:30pm

Called to order by Gregg Smallwood at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Vice-Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode, Theresa Schmidt

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk; Kevin Noyes, Director of Public Works; Julie Buhler, Library Director; Jason MacArthur, Fire Chief

Public: Dennis Brackett, Kent Smallwood, Scott Webb, Laura Kenney, Charlie Kenney, Cheryl Morse

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approve and Sign Warrant #14 for General Government, Water, Sewer, Ambulance

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Warrant #14. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Payroll Warrant #14

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Payroll Warrant #14. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Payroll Warrant #15

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Payroll Warrant #15. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Certificate of Commitment for 3rd Quarter Water and Sewer Bills

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the Certificate of Commitment for 3rd quarter Water and Sewer bills. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Warrant for Collection for 3rd Quarter Water and Sewer Bills

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the Warrant for Collection for 3rd quarter Water and Sewer bills. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2025

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for June 24. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Manager

G. Albert: Gail welcomed back Willow from maternity leave and thanked Billie for her work over the last ten weeks. The auditors were in the office earlier in the month and are continuing the audit process offsite. The RSU 89 budget election is on Thursday, July 24 from 10am – 7pm. There are \$80,945 outstanding in 2024 real estate taxes and lien notices were sent. The crosswalks on Route 11 have been repainted. Last week was Brittney Woods' first week in the office as Community Activities Coordinator, she created a Facebook page "Town of Patten Activities & Events – Community Connect ". Brittney is also working with Terry Hill on Patten Pioneer Days and will staff BEANO at the Town Garage on Monday, August 5. The Ambulance Working Group is meeting tomorrow at 5:30.

Gail asked the Select Board if they would be willing to realign their meetings in August to the 12th and 26th.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to move the Select Board meetings in August to the 12th and 26th. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Rae had asked Kevin to look into selling water to Poland Springs. Kevin spoke with Jeff Day at Lincoln Water, they currently sell to Poland Springs. Jeff said it took over two years to get

started, Poland Springs sends their own engineers to test your aquifer. Lincoln also has four wells to pump from and one of the wells alone can handle 1,576 gallons a minute per foot. Patten's best well can only handle 85 gallons a minute per foot. Kevin is still trying to get in touch with someone at Poland Springs.

Financial Update

The Select Board was provided with Patten's financials as of July. Raye is out on jury duty, but should there be any specific questions the Select Board can email her.

Ambulance

Patten Ambulance Service has responded to 303 calls this year (208 911 calls and 95 transfers). They've had 95 more calls than this time last year, Sherman and Aroostook County account for 74 of those calls. Unit 2 is out of service due to motor and wiring issues, Unit 1 is back in service but is also nearing the end of its life. Lizz Krafve is transitioning into her role as Advanced EMT.

Fire

The Fire Department has responded to 27 calls this year and has attended a lot of federally mandated training. They've received their turn out gear from the CDBG grant Janice applied for in 2024 and will be receiving CDS funds for a new mini-pumper.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Preparedness Plan

The Emergency Preparedness Plan received some edits from the Select Board but is still under review and will be brought to the next meeting.

Town Tax Relief Ordinance

Gail provided more information and tax relief ordinances from other towns, Raye wants to wait until the audit is complete to begin work on a tax relief ordinance for Patten and will collaborate with the Planning Board.

Rae expressed that she would like to meet with the auditors sometime soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Patten Academy Sign

Mari Birmingham, who originally requested that the Patten Academy Sign be made, would like the Historical Society to have it (the sign is currently in the Town Garage).

Motion made by G. Smallwood to give the Patten Academy Sign to the Patten Historical Society. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Gregg would like the Town Office to look into food truck and BEANO licensing.

ADJOURN

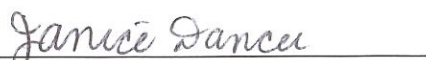
Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. Approved 5/0/0.

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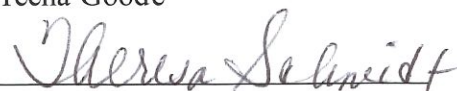
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes – July 22, 2025, at 5:00pm

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to nominate Nate Richardson as Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Kevin Noyes, no discussion heard. **Article passed.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate \$25,000 from the 2025 Annual Town Meeting appropriation of \$224,950 for Winter Roads (Article 17) for the purpose of funding the Community Activities Coordinator position.

These are excess funds from the Winter Roads budget since the contract for winter maintenance ended up being \$41,000 less than expected.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to accept Article 2 as written. Seconded by Kevin Noyes, no discussion heard. **Article passed.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate \$10,000 from the 2025 Annual Town Meeting appropriation of \$224,950 for Winter Roads (Article 17) for the purpose of funding a pickup truck for the Ambulance Department. Additional funding will be provided by the Penobscot County Commissioners (\$28,000) and \$22,000 from the EMS relief funds from the State of Maine.

These are excess funds from the Winter Roads budget since the contract for winter maintenance ended up being \$41,000 less than expected.

Motion made by Gregg Smallwood to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Kevin Noyes, no discussion heard. **Article passed.**

Special Town Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2025

Approved by the Select Board on August 12, 2025

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Called to order by Gregg Smallwood at 5:35pm.

ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Vice-Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode, Theresa Schmidt

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Raye Porter, Finance Consultant; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk; Kevin Noyes, Director of Public Works; Julie Buhler, Library Director; Jon Harvey, Animal Control Officer

Public: Charlie Kenney, Laura Kenney, Marcia Pond Anderson, Kent Smallwood, Benita Qualey

Guest Speaker: Ron Blum, Planning Board Chair

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Planning Board Updates

R. Blum: Dale Ronhock attended the July Planning Board meeting and presented his plan to commercially develop property he bought on South Patten Road. Patten has no regulations for commercial developments, but Island Falls does. The Select Board is going to review the Island Falls regulations and would also like to hear the Planning Board's suggestions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion made by G. Smallwood to add Payroll Warrant #17 to the agenda. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Warrant #15 for General Government, Water, Sewer, Ambulance

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Warrant #15. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Payroll Warrant #16 & #17

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Payroll Warrants 16 and 17. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2025

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for July 22. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Special Town Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2025

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the Special Town meeting minutes for July 22. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

TIF Paperwork for Ambulance Pickup

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the grant agreement with Penobscot County and resolution for TIF funds for a pickup for the Ambulance Service. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Manager

G. Albert: Patten Pioneer Days was a success, Brittney and Gail will begin realigning the Community Activities Committee as well as plan for a fall festival, senior programming, and a possible Turkey Trot in November to raise funds for a coat drive.

The Mount Chase Men's Club has donated \$500 toward an ADA Compliant swing for the Stephen Yates Community Playground, Terry Hill has offered to match those funds. The swing will cost \$2,000, Gail asked the Select Board to match the remaining \$1,000.

Motion made by G. Smallwood for Patten to spend \$1,000 toward the purchase of an ADA Compliant swing for the playground. Seconded by T. Schmidt, there are currently \$8,000 in the playground fund but the Select Board agreed there are other uses for those funds. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Gail shared that Stephen Yates passed away, his family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Stephen Yates Community Playground.

Patten's budget decreased \$31,697 for this year, but the County tax bill increased \$23,617 and the RSU 89 budget is up \$127,000, so there will be an increase to the mil rate. The Select Board will choose the mil rate for 2025 taxes on Thursday, August 14.

Public Works

K. Noyes: There was an issue with the system that controls the level in the water reservoir, Ashland Water donated the part Kevin needed and saved Patten a lot of money. A few new customers have hooked up to town water. DEP completed their yearly sewer inspection and everything went well. Burials at the cemetery this year have all been cremations and there have been few lot sales. Randy and Kevin have laid out the new section of cemetery. FEMA is still working on a replacement for the Rowe Brook crossing. The State temporarily repaired the end of Church Street, but the underdrain system needs a complete rebuild in the next year or two.

Library

J. Buhler: Julie continues to host events and programming at the library. There was an author reading in May, and Summer Reading and Family Movie Night were a success. An arts and crafts group meet at the library on Wednesdays. The library now has 287 registered patrons.

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Society Sign Request

The Historical Society requested that the digital speed limit sign on North Road be moved from in front of the Cultural Center. Gail spoke with Lieutenant Harris, who recommended the sign stay where it is and the town add more signage up the road in hopes that drivers slow down before coming into the middle of town.

Motion made by R. Bates to leave the digital speed limit sign where it is and add speed limit signage where drivers will see it before coming to the digital sign. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Mowing Contract Increase Request

Andrew Smith originally bid \$28,700 for mowing contracts #1 and #2, he is requesting \$11,000 extra for the 2025 season and shared that he is losing money at his original bid price. Andrew also proposed a 3-year contract for mowing, starting at \$43,937 for 2026 and increasing 4% in 2027 and 2028. It was included in his proposal that Andrew would buy a new bagger if the Select Board agrees to a 3-year contract.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to accept the proposal for a 3-year mowing contract. Seconded by R. Bates, verbiage that the Town is not paying for the new bagger will be included in the contract. **Approved 4/0/1 abstention.**

No motion was made regarding Andrew's request for \$11,000 for the rest of the 2025 mowing season. Raye is going to look at the numbers and recommend to the Select Board a counteroffer.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Rae suggests that Brittney should start planning for Memorial Day as soon as possible, since the Women's Club is no longer putting on the Memorial Day Parade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

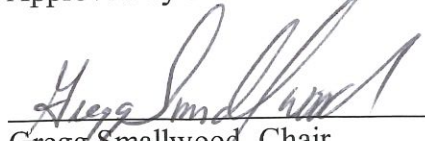
Kent said he would like to see live music in the Patten Pioneer Days Parade.

ADJOURN

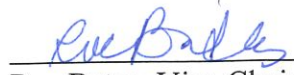
Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

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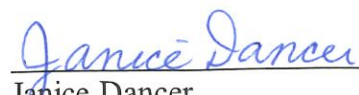
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— ABSENT —
Theresa Schmidt


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ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Vice-Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode

Absent: Theresa Schmidt

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Public: MaryAlice Mowry

ADMINISTRATIVE

August 12 Select Board Meeting Minutes were added to the agenda.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for August 12. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Select Mil Rate for 2025 Tax Bills

Patten's mil rate was 24.76 last year. The municipal budget for 2025 is \$31,000 less than the budget for 2024, but the school budget for RSU 89 and county tax bill increased significantly, leading to an increase in Patten's mil rate. The Select Board can choose any mil rate between

25.83 and 30.71 but will have to use Tree Growth Reimbursement, Renewable Energy Reimbursement, interest income, or a combination of the three to keep the mil rate as low as possible.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to use Patten's Tree Growth and Renewable Energy Reimbursements (\$260,000 total) for a 2025 mil rate of 27. Seconded by J. Dancer, this mil rate will provide the town with an overlay (financial cushion) of \$51,000. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Billie informed the Board that Patten's certified ratio is 92%, which means residents' homestead and veteran's exemptions are down. The certified ratio decreases when homes are sold for more than they are assessed for. Patten had a market-based adjustment in 2023 to bring the Town's certified ratio to 100%, but will receive a full revaluation in 2027, which will bring everyone's property values to what they should be. Patten's Assessor, Brandon Saucier, recommends a market-based adjustment every three to four years.

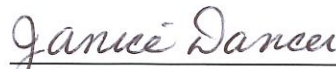
ADJOURN

Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 14

Approved by the Select Board on August 26, 2025


Gregg Smallwood, Chair


Janice Dancer


Rae Bates, Vice-Chair


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Date & Time: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30pm

Called to order by Gregg Smallwood at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Vice-Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode, Theresa Schmidt

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Raye Porter, Finance Consultant; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk; Brittney Woods, Community Activities Coordinator; Kevin Noyes, Director of Public Works; Jon Harvey, Animal Control Officer; Julie Buhler, Library Director; Brett Morse, Ambulance Director

Public: Mari Birmingham, Randy Bossie, Dennis Brackett, David Goode, Dennis Kelly, Charlie Kenney, Laura Kenney, Cheryl Labelle, MaryAlice Mowry, Kent Smallwood, Scott Webb

Guest: Jake Flewelling, Esquire – Currier, Trask & Dunleavy

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion made by G. Smallwood to remove the Mowing Contract Request from the agenda. Seconded by J. Dancer, Andrew Smith accepted the Select Board's offer of \$7,000 and ending the mowing contract in October. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Warrant #17 for General Government, Water, Sewer, Ambulance

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Warrant #17. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Payroll Warrant #19

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Payroll Warrant #19. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2025

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for August 26. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Adopt New General Assistance Maximums

Motion made by G. Smallwood to adopt the new general assistance maximums for October 2025 – September 2026. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Manager

G. Albert: The Town Office received a letter from RSU 89 inviting representatives from Patten to quarterly meetings. The first meeting is on Thursday, Gail and Rae will attend. The Town Office was in need of new heat pumps, the cost for the heat pumps will be absorbed by the General Government budget. Gail attended a meeting with Senator Collins's staff in Millinocket, Northern Maine was the topic of discussion as well as concerns regarding school consolidation. The Select Board meetings for November and December had not yet been scheduled, the Select Board agreed to meet once in November on the 18th, meetings in December will be the 2nd and the 16th.

There is a vacancy on the Cemetery Board of Trustees and Gail is asking a Select Board member to join; Theresa offered to join.

Community Activities

B. Woods: The Community Activities Committee is officially formed and has 9 members, Brittney is working on scheduling the committee's first meeting. Brittney would also like to host an outdoor event like family kickball or softball before the weather gets too cold. The Lumbermen's Museum / Veteran's Memorial Library is working with Brittney to host a Halloween family fun day, she plans on reaching out to other businesses as well.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Tax Abatements

Billie is asking the Select Board to approve several tax abatements due to clerical errors in the Town office TRIO program.

Motion made by R. Bates to approve the tax abatements due to administrative errors. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

RSU 89 Building Closure Task Force

RSU 89 and Terry Hill are working on consolidating the two Katahdin school buildings into one and they are looking for two Patten representatives to join their task force. Gail and Rae offered to serve on the task force.

Paving Discussion / Vote

Emery Lee & Sons provided a quote of \$267,898 for materials and for D&D Paving to pave part of Happy Corner Road and Waters Road. There are currently \$417,714.33 in the committed Highway Roads account.

Motion made by G. Smallwood for Emery Lee & Sons to provide the materials for paving and for D&D to do the work. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

There was a discussion about the Penobscot County Commissioners and funding for Patten, the Commissioners are meeting in East Millinocket on October 7 and Rae encouraged attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E)

Motion made by G. Smallwood to enter executive session at 6:05pm. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Motion made by G. Smallwood to exit executive session at 6:40pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Motion made by G. Smallwood to sell the tax acquired properties on 13 Founders Street and 460 Shin Pond Road. Seconded by R. Bates, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A)

Motion made by G. Smallwood to enter executive session at 6:53pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Motion made by G. Smallwood to exit executive session at 7:10pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

Motion made by R. Bates for Kevin to provide data for how many burials there were this year and what days they took place. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

ADJOURN

Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 5/0/0.**

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Approved by the Select Board on September 30, 2025



Gregg Smallwood, Chair

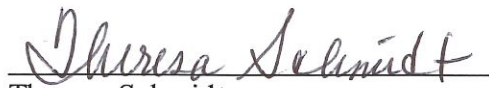
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Called to order by Gregg Smallwood at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Janice Dancer, Teena Goode, Theresa Schmidt

Absent: Rae Bates, Vice-Chair

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Raye Porter, Finance Consultant; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk; Kevin Noyes, Director of Public Works; Jon Harvey, Animal Control Officer; Julie Buhler, Library Director; Brittney Woods, Community Activities Coordinator

Public: Dennis Brackett, Dennis Kelly, Laura Kenney, Kent Smallwood, Scott Webb

ADMINISTRATIVE

The October 7 Penobscot County Commissioners Meeting was removed from the agenda.

Approve and Sign Warrant #18 for General Government, Water, Sewer, Ambulance

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Warrant #18. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Approve and Sign Payroll Warrant #20

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign Payroll Warrant #20. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve and sign the minutes for September 16. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Manager

G. Albert: Billie attended two days of elections training last week and Willow attended a grant writing workshop. Gail attended to a Penobscot County Commissioners meeting regarding the funding gap in the jail budget which may lead to future increases in the County tax bill. Rae, Teena, and Gail attended a quarterly meeting at RSU 89 with representatives from surrounding towns. Gail is in communication with Chris Fox, Penobscot Emergency Management Director, about Patten's Emergency Preparedness Plan. The Town of Patten received a one-time payment of \$280 from the State of Maine to offset General Assistance expenses. Raye and Gail are beginning to work with Department Heads on 2026 budgets. Patten's MMA Safety Inspection is taking place October 16.

Billie provided an update on taxes; Patten has received about 27% of real estate taxes for 2025, \$65,000 is still outstanding for 2024 and \$30,000 outstanding for 2023.

Financial Update

R. Porter: Raye is currently projecting that all departments will end the year under budget. The auditors have until the end of October to complete Patten's draft audit, once finished Michael from Chester Kearney will present audit findings at a future Select Board meeting.

Community Activities

B. Woods: A Halloween Family Fun Day has been planned for Saturday, October 25, in collaboration with the Veteran's Memorial Library and Lumbermen's Museum. There will also be a yard decorating contest, a pie eating contest, and a Halloween parade. The first Community Activities Committee meeting is scheduled for October 8 at 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Tax Abatements

There was an acreage discrepancy on a real estate account, Billie is asking the Select Board to abate that account and send a supplemental bill to the new owner with correct acreage. The abatement will be for \$1,640 and the supplemental bill will be for \$900.

Motion made by G. Smallwood to approve the tax abatement due to an acreage discrepancy. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

Committee Oaths and Appointments

There was a discussion previously about whether or not each committee needs oaths and appointments, Gail spoke with someone from MMA Legal who said every committee does need oaths and appointments.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

There was a discussion about ambulance contract costs and multi-year ambulance service contracts, Gail and Raye are working with Brett and will soon know the estimated costs per town and per contract with Patten Ambulance Service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott informed the Select Board that Patten Fire often has to assist Patten Ambulance Service on calls in Mount Chase and Matagamon because Mount Chase doesn't have the manpower. Scott would like Patten Fire to have a formal Mutual Aid agreement with Mount Chase.

ADJOURN

Motion made by G. Smallwood to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm. Seconded by T. Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 4/0/1 absent.**

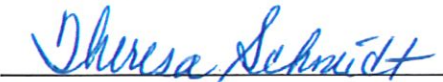
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