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**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 6:00 PM

All regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are recorded for posting on Lake Region Television within 2 business days.

**Public Participation Policy:** Members of the public may speak during the designated Public Participation section only when recognized by the Chair or Vice Chair. Comment time is limited to **2 minutes per speaker**. Personnel matters will not be heard or discussed in this forum.

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**Present:** Chair Phil Devlin, Vice Chair Nathan Sessions, Select Member Debora Kane, Select Member Kristin Humphrey, Select Member Michael Garvey, Town Manager John Bellino, Secretary Kathrynne Wilcox

**Absent:** None

**Public:** LRTV, attendance sheet attached

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

Standard opening. The Chair invites all in attendance to rise and recite the pledge.

**II. Call to Order**

Chairman Phil Devlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**III. Adjustments to the Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**IV. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)**

Participation by Kim Reynolds - Addressed the Board regarding a vacancy on the County Finance Committee and encouraged the Town to consider appointing a representative.

Participation by Rick Sykes - Focused on the Fire and Rescue Department organizational study, with suggestions offered for tracking implementation of recommendations and improving public accountability.

**V. Consent Agenda**

*Routine items grouped for a single motion and vote. Any Select Board member may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.*

A) Approval of Warrants – Approved by Signature.

B) Approval of Minutes: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Sessions, seconded by Select Member Kristin Humphrey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

**VI. Old Business**

*Items that have been previously discussed but require further discussion, follow-up, or action.*

A) Finance policy

**\*Motion**

Motion by Vice Chairman Nathan Sessions, seconded by Select Member Kristin Humphrey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Finance Policy with the following changes to be made: correction to numbering and verbal changes. 5-0.

B) Facility use policy

**\*Motion**

Item was moved by consensus to a future meeting to allow Town Manager to revise the document. No motion was made.

- C) **Business registration policy** **\*Motion**  
Item was moved by consensus to a future meeting to allow Town Manager to revise the document. No motion was made.

## VII. **New Business**

*Items being introduced for the first time or requiring current action. Each item is listed with a title, and optionally a brief description or supporting document reference.*

- A) **Maine DOT grant partnership** **\*Motion**  
Item was moved by consensus to a future meeting to allow Town Manager to gather more information. No motion was made.
- B) **Tax acquired properties** **\*Motion**  
Motion by Select Member Michael Garvey, seconded by Select Member Debora Kane. The Board voted unanimously to authorize listing of the properties at 16 Jones Road and 23 Plains Road for sale in accordance with legal requirements. The Bolsters Mills Road Property will be put on hold. 5-0.
- C) **Meeting with area towns**  
The Town Manager reported on efforts to organize a regional meeting with neighboring towns to discuss interlocal cooperation. A meeting is anticipated in early February, with details to follow.
- D) **Capital Improvement Plan update**  
The Town Manager provided an update on development of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan, including vehicles, facilities, parks, roads, and funding strategies. The draft plan is nearing completion and will be brought back for Board input.

## VIII. **Other Business**

No additional items were raised.

## IX. **Select Board Items**

*Optional section for individual Board members to provide brief updates, express concerns, or raise issues to be placed on a future agenda. This is not typically used for detailed discussion.*

- A) **Harrison Educational Options Committee** *Debora Kane*  
Updates were provided regarding the Harrison Educational Options Committee and upcoming public informational meeting scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2026 at 5:30PM.
- B) **Downtown Committee**  
The Board discussed the potential formation of a Downtown Committee. No decision was made at this time.
- C) **General Assistance, Planning Board and School Board update**  
Brief General Assistance, Planning Board and School Board updates were provided.
- D) **Assessor's Meeting**  
An Assessor's Meeting has been scheduled for January 29, 2026 at 5:30PM.
- E) **Citizen of the Year Committee**  
The Board also discussed extending the application deadline for the Citizen of the Year Committee to allow for additional participation.

## X. **Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 12th, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

## XI. **Executive Session (if necessary)**

*Used when the Board must enter into a non-public session per M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405. Requires a motion, second, and recorded vote.*

- A) **1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(F) discussion of confidential records**  
Motion by Select Member Debora Kane, seconded by Select Member Michael Garvey. The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential records.

## XII. **Adjournment**

Motion by Select Member Michael Garvey, seconded by Select Member Kristin Humphrey. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Phil Devlin, Chairman



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Kathryne Wilcox, Secretary

