

TOWN OF OXFORD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
OXFORD TOWN OFFICE
January 22, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING #1 – Lance Persson, DBA Bog Brook Botanicals Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal

No comments

PUBLIC HEARING #2 - Renewal Gardens LLC Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal

No comments

PUBLIC HEARING #3 – Thompson Lake Caregiving, DBA The Hideaway Adult Use Marijuana Store License Renewal

No comments

SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER and FLAG SALUTE – **Chairman Dana Dillingham** presided.
Vice Chair Scott Hunter, Selectman Floyd Thayer, Selectman Ernie Fitts IV, Selectman Phillip Richardson, Fire Chief Ashley Wax-Armstrong, Police Chief Rickie Jack, Assessor Colleen Halse, Sergeant Nate Bowie, Officer Kaleb Gower, Officer Eric Lowell, Sergeant Dan Hastings, David Blaquiere, Abigale Wood, Corey Oster, Cordell Leeman, Noah Larrabee, Tom Leeman, Robert Larrabee, Police Department Office Administrator Penny Littlefield, Captain Zach Bisson, Code Enforcement Officer Shane Thomas, Town Manager Adam Garland, and Town Clerk Kathleen Dillingham

2. ACTION ON MINUTES
 - 2.1. *Action on minutes dated December 18, 2025, and January 08, 2026*
Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the minutes from December 18th and January 8th, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
Motion passed 5-0.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
An adjustment to the agenda was made to discuss the special MSAD#17 referendum to be held on February 24, 2026.

The Town Manager and Town Clerk provided the Board with the date, polling times and place, and the referendum subject matter.
Chair Dillingham motioned that the Board sign the special referendum election warrants, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
Motion passed 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public Comments

5. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - 5.1. Recognition of Firefighter and Police Officer
Police Chief Rickie Jack and Fire Chief Ashley Wax-Armstrong presented Life Saving recognition awards to Kaleb Gower, Sergeant Nate Bowie, and David Blaquiere for an incident that happened

on 08/09/2025 and to Sergeant Bowie, Private Ulster, and Private Wood for an incident that happened on 12/31/2025.

5.2. Review/Approve Lance Persson, DBA Bog Brook Botanicals Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
The motion passed 5-0.*

5.3. Review/Approve Renewal Gardens LLC Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
The motion passed 5-0.*

5.4. Review/Approve Thompson Lake Caregiving, DBA The Hideaway Adult Use Marijuana Store License Renewal

*Selectman Thayer motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter.
The motion passed 5-0.*

5.5. Review/Approve Honey Badger Liquor License Renewal

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
The motion passed 5-0.*

5.6. Review/Approve Wan's Inc. DBA Ocean Pearl, Liquor License Renewal

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
The motion passed 5-0.*

5.7. Review/Approve Budget Committee Appointments (3 Open Seats)

- Current Applicants
 - Deering-Robichaud, Crystal -2
 - Jackson, Sharon -3 - Fitts
 - Libby, Mark - 3
 - Porter, Joshua -2
 - Robichaud, Joseph
 - Thayer, Paula -1

Chair Dillingham invited the applicants present at the meeting to each address the board, if they chose, to state why they wanted to serve on the Budget Committee. All present (Paula Thayer not present) chose to address the board.

There was discussion about the number of committee members and appreciation from the Board that there were a number of citizens interested in volunteering their time to work on the budget.

Selectman Fitts motioned to change the number of committee members from seven to nine, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter.

The motion passed 5-0.

Joseph Robichaud asked to remove his application from consideration.

Selectman Fitts motioned to accept all five applicants with the following terms of length, seconded by Selectman Richardson.

The motion passed 5-0.

Deering-Robichaud, Crystal - term January 2026- January 2028

Jackson, Sharon - term January 2026 - January 2029

Libby, Mark - term January 2026 - January 2029

Porter, Joshua - term January 2026 - January 2028

Thayer, Paula - term January 2026 - January 2027

5.8. Route 26 Town Lot Discussion – Continued

The Town Manager updated the Selectboard on the scheduled workshop for Feb 5.

The Board discussed the quotes provided in reference to cutting trees on the lot and stumpage.

Selectmen Fitts motioned to hire Maine Custom Woodlands to cut a percentage of viable timber on the lot and to place the proceeds into a designated fund for any future projects for said lot, seconded by Selectman Richardon.

The motion passed 4-1 (Thayer opposed).

5.9. Town Meeting Date/Time Discussion – Continued

The Town Manager provided the election timeline and the Board concluded that it would not be viable to move to a referendum style budget this year.

The Chair opened discussion concerning the date and time the meeting is held. Selectman Thayer suggested leaving it the same.

5.10. Review/Update EMS Billing Fees

Chief Wax-Armstrong discussed how ambulatory billing is done through a billing service located in Windham, Maine. It has been suggested that the rates be increased to meet the minimums that MaineCare and Medicare will reimburse.

Selectman Thayer motioned to increase the rates to meet the MaineCare and Medicare reimbursement rates, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter.

Motion was passed 5-0.

5.11. Abatement (10) Thomas and Patrice Heikkinen, Acct RE1084 in the amount of \$93.24

Selectman Thayer motioned to approve the abatements for 5.11-5.13, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter.

Motion passed 5-0.

5.12. Abatement (11) Ignite Nutrition, Acct PP299 in the amount of \$78.40.

See 5.11

5.13. Abatement (12) Hughes Network Systems, Acct PP215 in the amount of \$29.27

See 5.11

5.14. Abatement (13) Truman Holdings LLC, Acct RE1406 in the amount of \$1,174.89

Vice Chair Hunter motioned to approve the abatement for Truman Holdings LLC, seconded by Selectman Thayer.

Chair Dillingham questioned where the property had been listed on the foreclosure list and if it had been demolished in 2024, why were the taxes for years 2025 and 2026 being asked to be abated.

The Assessor stated that a permit was pulled for the new placement of the mobile home and that it was placed recently.

The motion passed 5-0.

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD

6.1. Town Clerk's Office Update – Town Clerk

The Town Manager gave update on foreclosures.

7. TOWN MANAGER

7.1. Town Manager Updates

The Town Manager gave an update about the workshop.

8. SELECTMEN

Selectmen Fitts brought up questions concerning the use of casino revenue. He would like to have discussions about how the casino revenue is used and would like its use to be more transparent for the public. He suggests using \$1million of projected revenue to apply to the tax commitment and \$1 million to capital improvements or debt service. He is concerned that should the casino close, the Town would not be able to make up that loss revenue in its budget.

9. SIGN WARRANTS: 75 – 81

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to sign warrants from 75-81, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
Motion passed 5-0.*

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1. To enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to M.R.S.A Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6)(A).

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to enter executive session, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
Motion passed 5-0.*

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:31pm.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 8:27 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

*Vice Chair Hunter motioned to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Selectman Thayer.
Motion passed 5-0.*