

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS & BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 30, 2025 ~ 6:00p.m.**  
*American Legion Post 92 - 67 Railroad Ave. Brownville*

1. **Meeting called to order** at 6:02pm by Byron Weymouth, Board of Selectpersons Chair.
  - a. Selectpersons Present: Byron, Shelly, Gary & Kevin; Absent: Jimmy
  - b. Budget Committee Members Present: Lance, Marie, Leesa, Jean, Bobby, & Kelly (Mike arrived late)
  - c. Employees Present: Felice, Jessi W., Shawn and Rick
  - d. Residents/Others Present: Stacey Slagle, Mike & Diane Larson, David Monahan,

2. **Approval of prior meeting minutes.**

Selectboard: Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes of January 23, 2025

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Gary                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes of January 23, 2025

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

3. **Approval of Final 2025 Budget Recommendations** – Additional discussion regarding the budget line item for ambulance services under Public Safety 05-24 category. At our previous meeting, the Board and Budget Committee agreed to add \$25,000 for any unanticipated costs related to calls falling under any contract or agreement for backup services when no other ambulances are available in our area.

Central Maine Highlands Fire & EMS District #1 (CMHFED1) has presented the Fire Chief with a mutual aid Fire/EMS agreement and the Board of Selectpersons was asked to consider it at a previous regular meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the billing process that ultimately would make the Town responsible for any outstanding balance billed to insurance/patient after 90 days of collection attempts from CMHFED1. Without knowing how much a single ambulance call has the potential to bill, it was difficult to determine and plan for budgeting.

Members of Three Rivers Ambulance Service attended to give additional information on what they end up receiving from their billed calls vs what is actually invoiced. \$1,078 is the average with approximately 54% covered/paid by insurance (if the patient has insurance). In that scenario under the CMHFED1 agreement, the Town would end up being responsible for \$495.88 for that call (assuming there was no deductible/patient responsibility). They also provided information on their calls for 2024 and how many were handled by another service.

Ultimately, the consensus of all present was to hold off on signing any agreements at this time, until more information is obtained to make an informed decision and leave the recommended addition of \$25,000 in the ambulance service line.

4. **Approval of 2025 Draft Warrant Articles** – The Board and Budget Committee asked the manager to read each warrant article, beginning with Article 7, followed by action from each group on their recommendations.

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 7** for the General Government Budget Recommendation of \$417,245, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 7** for the General Government Budget Recommendation of \$417,245, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 8** for the Public Safety Budget Recommendation of \$388,324, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 8** for the Public Safety Budget Recommendation of \$388,324, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 9** for the Public Works Budget Recommendation of \$624,234, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 9** for the Public Works Budget Recommendation of \$624,234, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 10** for the Recreation Budget Recommendation of \$40,623, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 10** for the Recreation Budget Recommendation of \$40,623, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 11** for the Unclassified Budget Recommendation of \$24,907, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 11** for the Unclassified Budget Recommendation of \$24,907, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Bobby                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 12** for the General Assistance Budget Recommendation of \$3,500, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 12** for the General Assistance Budget Recommendation of \$3,500, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 13** for the Special Projects Budget Recommendation of \$12,000, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 13** for the Special Projects Budget Recommendation of \$12,000, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 14** for the Reserve Funds Budget Recommendation of \$132,500, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 14** for the Reserve Funds Budget Recommendation of \$132,500, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 15** for the 2024 Carry Forward Accounts with the amounts to be determined by the auditors.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 15** for the 2024 Carry Forward Accounts with the amounts to be determined by the auditors.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 16** for the Debt Obligation Budget Recommendation of \$61,175, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 16** for the Debt Obligation Budget Recommendation of \$61,175, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 17** related to the sale and disposition of tax acquired property, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 17** related to the sale and disposition of tax acquired property, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Leesa                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 18** related to transferring funds between operating accounts, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 18** related to transferring funds between operating accounts, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 19**, authorizing the Board to spend no more than 3/12 of the 2025 budget during the period of 1/1/26 to 2026 annual town meeting, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 19**, authorizing the Board to spend no more than 3/12 of the 2025 budget during the period of 1/1/26 to 2026 annual town meeting, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 20** related to authorizing the Board to reduce the 2025 general commitment by the estimated projected revenues of \$922,543, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 20** related to authorizing the Board to reduce the 2025 general commitment by the estimated projected revenues of \$922,543, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 21** recommending to appropriate \$85,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) to reduce the 2025 tax commitment, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 21** recommending to appropriate \$85,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) to reduce the 2025 tax commitment, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Leesa                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 22** recommending to appropriate \$10,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) to meet unanticipated emergencies, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 22** recommending to appropriate \$10,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) to meet unanticipated emergencies, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 23** related to disposition of town-owned surplus personal property and abandoned and unclaimed property acquired by the town, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 23** related to disposition of town-owned surplus personal property and abandoned and unclaimed property acquired by the town, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 24** for the Water Department Budget Recommendation of \$289,466, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 24** for the Water Department Budget Recommendation of \$289,466, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 25** for the Sewer Department Budget Recommendation of \$211,553, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 25** for the Sewer Department Budget Recommendation of \$211,553, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 26** related to snowmobile and ATV Grant revenue distribution to Brownville Snowmobile Club, Ebeemee Snowmobile Club and KI Riders ATV Club, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 26** related to snowmobile and ATV Grant revenue distribution to Brownville Snowmobile Club, Ebeemee Snowmobile Club and KI Riders ATV Club, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 27** related to accepting un-anticipated funds and have the Town Treasurer allocate them to the correct accounts, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 27** related to accepting un-anticipated funds and have the Town Treasurer allocate them to the correct accounts, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 28** for the Piscataquis County Assessment Expense Recommendation of \$140,496, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 28** for the Piscataquis County Assessment Expense Recommendation of \$140,496, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 29** for the MSAD #41 School Assessment to be determined at the June 2025 Referendum, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 29** for the MSAD #41 School Assessment to be determined at the June 2025 Referendum, as presented.

Motion: Kelly                      Second: Marie                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 30** to ratify overdrafts in the 2024 accounts to be finalized by the auditors prior to publishing the warrant, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 30** to ratify overdrafts in the 2024 accounts to be finalized by the auditors prior to publishing the warrant, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 31** related to accepting grant funds, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 31** related to accepting grant funds, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

Selectboard: Motion to approve **Article 32** related to accepting tax club payments, as presented.

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to approve **Article 32** related to accepting tax club payments, as presented.

Motion: Marie                      Second: Kelly                      Vote: Unanimous

5. **Next Budget Meetings** – No additional meetings for 2025 are currently anticipated.

## 6. **Adjournment**

Selectboard: Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm

Motion: Shelly                      Second: Kevin                      Vote: Unanimous

Budget Committee: Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm

Motion: Marie                      Second: Leesa                      Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wyman  
Board Secretary

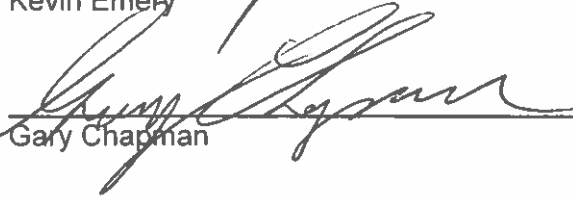
**Selectboard:**

  
Byron Weymouth, Selectboard Chair

  
Shelly Ekholm

  
Kevin Emery

  
James Hartin

  
Gary Chapman

**Budget Committee:**

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Lance Farrar, Budget Committee Chair

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Marie McSwine

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Michael Washburn

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Leesa Cotes

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Jean Brown

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Robert Brown

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Kelly Armstrong

