

**Harpswell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 25, 2026
Harpswell Town Office
APPROVED 3-5-26**

This meeting was held in the Select Board Meeting room at the Town Office and was available remotely by Zoom. Instructions were included on the published agenda and on the Town's website. Links to a video recording of the meeting are also available on the Town's website.

Selectmen Present: Chairman Kevin E. Johnson; Selectman David I. Chipman; Selectman Matthew Gilley.

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Gaudet, Treasurer & Deputy Town Administrator.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Approved with no changes.
2. **Authorization of Warrants:** The Select Board unanimously approved payables Warrant 9 totaling \$123,405.33 and payroll Warrant PR8 totaling \$32,261.08.
3. **Recommendation to Restrict Weight on Town Roads:** Administrator Eiane informed the Select Board that the Town's Road Commissioner recommends the Town post weight restriction notices on the Town's roads, effective February 27 through April 30 (or sooner if Road Commissioner decides). A Town ordinance allows Harpswell to restrict weight on its roads coming out of a winter thaw. This is in order to protect the Town's investment. The Select Board unanimously approved the restriction and agreed to sign the necessary notices.
4. **Consider Proposed LD 2174 an Act to Replace the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with the Maine Renewable Energy & Associated Transmission Development & Conservation Act:** Selectman Gilley read a letter that he had drafted in opposition to LD2174 (see attached). This act was being proposed by the State Legislature and a Public Hearing was to occur that afternoon. Selectman Gilley stated that the new bill would unfairly limit local input and control on matters of development important to the community. The Selectmen voted unanimously to endorse and sign the letter.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Hubbard
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Select Board Letter in Opposition to LD2174.

[Attachments are available at the Town Clerk's Office or by email at harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us]