



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 8, 2026 by Mayor Puzzo Council members present: Chris Telles, Shirley Pennington, and Jay Apicelli. Bob McDevitt by Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Swearing in of Shirley Pennington as Treasurer.

Minutes: December 2025 Minutes Tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept December 2025 Treasurers report by Chris. Seconded by Jay. All in favor

GRANTS and PROJECTS

North Bayshore Drainage: Chris reported all the easements by N. Bayshore residents have been signed. Century Engineering will be submitting an adjusted elevation to DNREC for the wetland permit. The application must be reviewed and accepted by DNREC. Once accepted by DNREC, a Request for Proposal (RFP) can be sent out for bidding.

UD Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report: Ada reported there was a budget request for an increase. The budget request has been approved by FEMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Chris thanked everyone who came out for Christmas decorating in the park. Caroling in the park was very nice and a THANK YOU to Bowers Fire Department for all their efforts. Spring we will be cleaning the parks. Also, the 250th anniversary on the 4th of July this year.

Town Events: Jay Baker reported they have signed four bands for the 2026 season. Jay Baker will be meeting with Town Treasurer.

Planning Committee: No Report

Public Water: Application was submitted in July, awaiting approval by EPA.

Code Enforcement: Bob has issued permits for work on two (2) Main Street properties.

Board of Adjustments: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Ada reported an update to the budget regarding security cameras in town. She requested and increase from \$15k to \$30k for new cameras that will be able to read license plates. She is waiting for an updated quote from Martel Co. Budget increase was approved for budget only.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Judy reported there will be a fund raiser at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant on January 21 from 4:00PM to 6:00 PM. The museum will be auctioning off an original painting of the Heartbreak Hotel of Bowers Beach.

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Museum on February 14th as a fund raiser.

On March 18th a fund raiser will be held at Applebee's restaurant.

Resident Topics No Report

Council Comments: Jay will be meeting with Judy Martin and Tony Albano on the Signage Project on January 14th at the museum.

Ada spoke about the draft Shoreline Public Access Plan that will be submitted to DNREC and Army Corps of Engineers written by Chris Eisenhardt. The plan is required before the sand project can be started.

Ada read a tribute to William "Frenchie" Poulin. Memorial service will on Saturday January 10th at 10 AM at Rogers Houatter Funeral Home I Milford.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:75 pm by motion made by Chris and seconded by Shirley. All in favor

The next town meeting will be held on February 12, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm and will be in person meeting as well as Zoom

Town Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month unless changed by the mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Apicelli

Secretary