

**Town of Machiasport**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:** Brian Smith called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**3. Public Comment:** Moved to position after 6B. Beverly Mouradjian inquired how the situation with Gerald Wood & Son occurred. Selectmen advised situation was an oversight.

Discussion ensued regarding the closing of clam flats due to Machias Sewer access via Gray's Beach Rd. Attorney has advised there are R-O-W's between all property owners for the use of the road. Attorney suggested approaching property owner's and ask for contributions toward maintenance.

**4. Adjustments to Agenda:** Moved 5B to first position.

**5. Old Business:**

**A. Gerald Wood & Son:** David and Gerald expressed their displeasure at having Hanscom's Construction perform the plank work at the Port Road Slip. The Wood's advised they were not asked to provide a quote and want to know who was involved in the process and why they were not asked. Selectmen advised the process was left up to the Shellfish Committee and Selectmen approved their presentation.

**B. Shellfish Fees – tabled from 1/24:** Shellfish Committee members and many clammers were present for a heated discussion. Shellfish Committee is asking to have clam license fees increased to \$1000 each with student and senior rates staying the same. Part-time clammers are opposed to the increase. After considerable discussion, Shellfish Committee scheduled a meeting for 3/24 at 5:00PM to determine if a resolution can be reached. Selectmen request a consensus before deciding on fee structure. Jeff Davis was absent with family emergency and Mike Hinerman would have been the only SM allowed to vote, since Brian is interim Shellfish Warden.

**C. Gator Site:** Clerk proposed offering Parks and Lands a \$60,000 settlement to remove all Obligations existing on the Gator Site. Site is valued at \$41,400 and the Town has received Town has earned \$500/mo. for 60 mo. and \$575/mo. for 1 yr. for a total of \$36,900 of which Government wants its share. Selectmen discussed and advised they want to wait for Jeff to return before voting on the issue.

Also, with respect to the Gator Site, Mark Ouellette represented Axiom offering the Town rental of \$300/mo. for the site. Selectmen countered with \$500/mo. since the Town has had no service from Axiom for a couple of years, and marginal service prior. On behalf of Axiom, Mr. Ouellette accepted the counteroffer of \$500 stating his office would create a contract and forward by email to the Town.

**D. Gator Site – Cutting / Guptill's:** Karl Buckley representing Guptill's spoke of cutting Gator

Site and difficulty of accessing the area. Clerk reported no response from Gov't or Vertical Bridge. Guptill's states they will need to cut fence to access property due to extreme terrain issues. Clerk to follow-up with Gov't and Vertical Bridge.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Set date for ATM:** Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to set the date of the Annual Town Meeting as 6/27/22 at Fort O'Brien School at 6:00 PM. Both in favor, motion carried.

**B. Working Waterfront Grant:** Brielle Davis: Brielle Davis, UMM senior working on her senior project, presented a proposal to write a Working Waterfront Grant application. Selectmen thanked Brielle for taking on the project and Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to authorize Brielle to make application on behalf of the Town. Both in favor, motion carried.


**7. Selectmen's Report:** Brian advised we need to nominate a person for the dedication of the annual report. He will do the MTS meeting on 3/8 and noted the clam flats are closed until 3/16. Mike Hinerman will attend the Shellfish meeting 3/24.

**8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report:** Included in binder


**9. Tax Collector's Report:** Included in binder

**10. Executive Session:** Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to enter Executive Session. Both in favor, motion carried. Entered Executive Session 7:34 PM. 8:18PM exit Executive Session. Mike advised they have decided to take no action and motioned the meeting be adjourned. Brian seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**11. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

  
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Michael Hinerman

  
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Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk