

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2022

6:00 PM

**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:** Brian reminded audience that meeting was recorded and will be conducted in respectful manner.

**4. Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**5. Old Business:**

**A. Committee Nominations:** Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to appoint Gerald Crispino to the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried. With two applicants for Shellfish Committee, Alex McCurdy and Wayne Robinson, Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to table the Shellfish nomination until after their next meeting in order to obtain a recommendation from the committee. All in favor, motion carried.

**B. Gerald Wood & Son:** David Wood asked if the Board had a problem hiring him. He stated that he was upset not to have been asked to handle the Port Rd. Slip. Selectmen apologized to David for the oversight. David agreed he receives 90% of town work. Jeff explained that the excavator was purchased to assist with the large project planned for out-back but that David would get a lot of that work as well. David further advised that Whitney Stevens is not a town resident and is on the committee and taking business away from him.

Jason Prescott commented on the fact that Whitney Stevens is not a resident and has had a large input in the fee structure proposed and he should not have an input in town business.

Jeremy Wood commented on Wayne Robinson being removed from the Shellfish Committee because he moved out of town. Wayne argued that it is not legal for Brian to be the interim warden and hold two offices. Brian advised MMA had been consulted and it is legal for him to serve as both.

Teddy Bridges asked if he claims residency in East Machias, can he still get a Machiasport residential clam license? Mike explained that he would lose his homestead exemption in Machiasport if he did so. Brian advised we will research the criteria and get back to clam committee.

Wayne Robinson advised Timmy Wood and Annie Wood also live out of town.

**C. Shellfish Fees:** Zach Wood explained the proposed Shellfish License increase request to \$1000. This is a means to get people to volunteer for conservation work which will allow a

50% reduction of fees. Considerable discussion ensued. Jason Prescott explained a Citizen's Initiative could be started if the decision is not acceptable to the group. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to raise clam license fees from 300 to 600 for resident licenses, from \$450 to \$900 for non-resident licenses. Students and senior licenses remain the same \$50, and \$100, respectively.**

**D. Gator Site:** Selectmen discussed potential agreement to relieve the Town of its obligation for the Gator Site. **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to request another conference call with the Department of Parks and Lands, all in favor motion carried.** Bob Berta asked if the public would be allowed to participate in the call and was advised it would be Executive Session for the purpose of property negotiations.

#### **New Business:**

**A. Tom Sprague – Free licenses for Veteran's:** Mr. Sprague was not present.

**B. Set Date for budget meeting:** Date set as April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

**C. Sign Corrective Quit Claim Deed:** Deed signed by Selectmen

**D. Jimmy Clark: (PB Meetings – CEO Errors)** Mr. Clark stated he had asked for a Board of Assessors meeting and not to be on the Selectmen's Agenda. He instructed the Selectmen on procedure of Assessors meeting stating he did not want to meet with the Agent, but with the Board directly. Selectmen set a date as April 20, 2022, at 10:00.

**7. Selectmen's Report:** Brian reported he would participate in the upcoming MTS call. He added that he met with DOT Dale Doughty about possible grant funds. The Maine 200 Project does not fit their criteria, but Liberty Hall / Gates House area could qualify. Town crew did a great job this winter, it's almost over. Jeff suggested keeping some activity at the existing garage after moving into the new one. Mike mentioned the Starboard Road needs attention and David should be notified to take care of it. **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Jeff Davis to have David Wood repair the road. All in favor, motion carried.**

Jimmy Clark asked that the Town Attorney be invited to attend the Assessors meeting, at the Town's expense. All 3 Selectmen advised they would vote against that expense. Jimmy stated he would be discussing laws the lawyer should be present. Brian asked if we would be discussing all laws past and present that may not have been followed. Jimmy stated he felt that was a veiled threat and asked what Brian meant by the comment. Brian advised it would be discussed at the meeting.

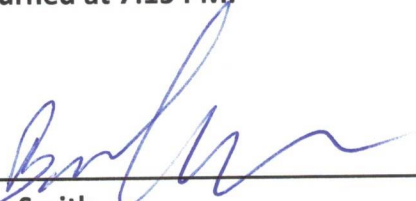
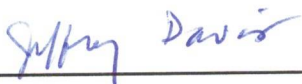
Jeff asked what happened with the cutting of the Gator Site. Brian explained all the issues with problems with Guptill's and with Vertical Bridge.

**8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report:** Binder

**9. Tax Collector's Report:** Binder

10. Executive Session: None

11. Adjourn: Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

  
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Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk