

Town of Machiasport
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022, 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Brian Smith called meeting to order at 6:00.
2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Mike Hinerman requested one word be changed in the April minutes. **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to accept minutes as noted for correction. All in favor, motion carried. Regarding minutes from Board of Assessors meeting Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Public Comment: (Handled after New Business)**
4. **Adjustments to Agenda: As above**
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Gator Site- Questions, cutting – Jeff:** Jeff updated board on visit with Guptill's regarding the cutting of the Gator Site. Jeff stated many large rocks on site which could be used for riprap. **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to get a couple of estimates and proceed from there. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - (1) **Mike Hinerman** noted Justin had item he wished to bring before the Board. Justin Farnsworth, Asst. Fire Chief discussed several pieces of equipment the FD would like to purchase. When asked what the expense would be Justin replied \$2000? Clerk confirmed \$2000 available in budget. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to approve the purchase as listed. Mike Hinerman abstained – FD member. Motion carried.** Mike announced that Justin is the new Assistant Chief and was congratulated by the Board.
 - B. **Municipal Budget approval – Marlene Sprague request:** Marlene requested an ARTICLE be added to the Warrant to raise \$50,000 to repair the house at Pettegrow Point. Brian advised there is already an ARTICLE in the Warrant regarding the house. Mike advised if the Town voted to keep the structure, then Selectmen would take appropriate measures to support that vote. **Brian seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept the ARTICLE pertaining to the settlement with the National Park Service, with the understanding the amount may change as per our discussions. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - C. **Garage Update: Plan:** Clerk advised situation with RDA administering grant and their policies stating the Town would receive 15% of the requested amount instead of the anticipated 75%. RDA (Rural Development) called this date to advise they are eliminating some of their criteria which controls the percentage and Town should receive the full amount. Discussion ensued on necessary paperwork and process. Mike Hinerman suggested a committee be formed to assist the project. Paula Aschettino asked if project would have liner to keep chemicals from leeching into the soil. Mike advised project will

be done according to standards. Brian seconded motion of Mike to create a committee to oversee the planning and construction of the garage. All in favor, motion carried.

6. New Business:

- A. Annual Report Dedication:** Brian seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to dedicate the Annual Town Report to Burleigh Sprague. All in favor, motion carried. Bob Mercer stated his feelings that the Board should consider Bub Wood.
- B. Offer from Park Service – (did not arrive)**
- C. Karl Kurz – follow up to complaint (absent)**
- D. Transfer \$19,000 from Salt/Sand to Plowing:** Mike advised there is a surplus in salt/sand and due to the wage increase the plowing budget is overspent. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to transfer funds. All in favor, motion carried.**
- E. Transfer \$5000 from Equipment to Repair and Maintenance:** Clerk explained one account is overspent and the other has a surplus. In the coming year, the two accounts will merge because they are so closely related. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to transfer funds. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. Public Comments: **Bob Mercer** asked how plowing compared from last year to this? Jeff advised it was a little bit easier, but due to the condition of the road, it is more difficult to clean-up. **John Bielecki** requested an update on Beach Road stating he realizes how difficult it has been and thanked the town for its efforts. Mike advised there is nothing definite, we are listening to comments and suggestions, but we have taken no action. Brian advised Mr. Bielecki that both sides have attorneys due to the volatile situation and all communication is to be done through them. Justin Farnsworth asked if there was any word on Pettegrow? Jeff advised the culvert has to be replaced and it is a dangerous, high traffic area. Bob Mercer advised Machias has received grant money to work on their sewer which should benefit Machiasport clam diggers.

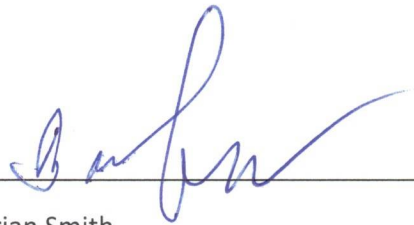
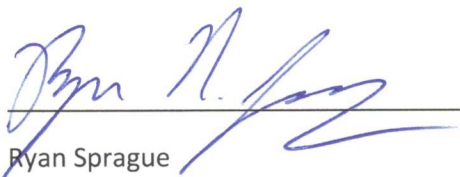
7. Selectmen's Report: Brian advised he stopped at MTS and met the new gate keeper who is very nice and polite. There was no MTS meeting in May, but he will do June meeting. Someone cleaned up the mouth of the East Side Road and left 12 tires which Pete picked up and disposed. Mike advised he had nothing to report. Brian met with Bill Kitchen, and they discussed the sewer issue. Brian advised there was a lot of shellfish conservation this year and the new Shellfish Warden is doing a fabulous job.

8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report: Brian read the proposed FOAA Policy. During the vote, Paula Aschettino asked if she could speak. Brian asked Selectmen if they wanted to hear from Paula on the issue all stated they did not. **Mike Hinerman seconded the motion of Brian Smith to accept and institute the new policy. All in favor, motion carried.**

9. Tax Collector's Report: Included in binder

10. Executive Session: none

11. Adjourn: Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM


Brian Smith
Jeffrey Davis
Ryan Sprague
Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk