

Town of Machiasport
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

- 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. Jeff abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.**
- 3. Adjustments to Agenda: No adjustments made.**
- 4: Old Business:**
 - A. New Clerk: Brian Smith** introduced **Renee Mercer** as new **Deputy Clerk**. **Mike Hinerman** seconded motion of **Jeff Davis** to have **Renee** added as signatory on town checking account. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. Bequest Update: \$4232 & \$1269** Projected amounts to be received by town for needy and to benefit the town. **Mike Hinerman** seconded motion of **Brian Smith** to accept funds from the estate. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. ME200 Grant Funds Received \$4500.00:** Grant funds were received by the town via bank Transfer for the Maine 200 Project.
- 5. New Business:**
 - A. Junkyards – Jimmy Clark – Mr. Clark was late to the meeting . Both items addressed together when he arrived.**
 - B. Pollution – Jimmy Clark**

Mr. Clark inquired the number of Junkyard Permits have been issued in the past 3-5 years. **Brian** deferred to **Mike** to answer as he has had experience with the Planning Board and now as Selectmen. **Mr. Clark** shared with audience his efforts on behalf of Town of Lubec regarding Junkyard Permits and reports prepared and /or created by him. He also read from the State Statute regarding Junkyards and the definition of pollution. **Mr. Clark** added that the junkyards are spread around the landscape and no one knows what they are doing to the environment. He stated one of the polluting effects is its effect on property values.

Mike Hinerman advised that the issue has / is a regular item of discussion by the Selectboard. There have been no Junkyard Permits or Change of Use Permits issued. the Town has worked with individuals on certain situations, but none cited for violations.

Mr. Clark spoke of junkyards and dilapidated structures in his neighborhood. He also provided pictures for the Board. He requested Selectmen take care of the **Jon Wright** property and others nearby that are in similar condition as soon as possible. He explained the process used by Lubec.

Mr. Clark handed out a flyer describing external obsolescence in real estate and read it.

Mr. Clark suggested the Town hire a fully certified assessor and discontinue the Board

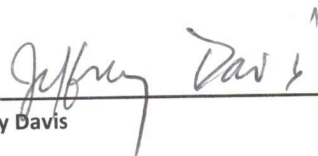
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Assessors. The existing Board of Assessors does nothing and never took any training to do the job. He suggested taxes should be calculated without regard to location or surname. **Mr. Clark** added the new valuation should be withheld for this tax cycle so it can be reviewed by a committee. **Mike Hinerman** asked if the Town should use previous years tax numbers, to which, Mr. Clark

replied, "yes." **Brian Smith** advised the voters had authorized the revaluation and the Town would be using it. **Mike Hinerman** asked how to respond to the residents who fared favorably in the revaluation, for which, **Mr. Clark** had no reply.

- C. Loader:** Jeff asked what other two Selectmen wanted to do with respect to the loader. This unit will need extensive repair. Jeff brought audience up to date on state of Public Works equipment and inquiry for sale of Mack now used for stand-by. **Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to have Jeff continue to investigate a new / used loader.**
- D. New Auto Graveyard (Junkyard) applications:** Selectmen advised form looks good.
- E. Job Descriptions – Truck driver, Supervisor, Road Commissioner and CEO** **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Jeff Davis to table the discussion until next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 6. Public Comment:** **Karl Kurz** spoke about pollution in Machias River and the effects of sewage on the value of his property. Clerk advised Selectmen of previous correspondence with state officials regarding the issue and Selectmen instructed her to locate and copy for updating correspondence. **Jimmy Clark** inquired if Facebook was now the official means for contacting the Clerk's Office. Discussion ensued regarding use of town website vs. Facebook. Clerk instructed to update website as time permits.
- 7. Selectmen's Report:** **Brian** attended the last Marion Transfer Meeting and advised they have agreed to turn away residents without stickers. However, the over 300 lbs. limit is too difficult to calculate and the town will have to address that issue on its own.
- 8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report**
- 9. Tax Collector's Report**
- 10. Executive Session:** Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c) Personnel Issue - 7:22 PM **Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to enter executive session for personnel issue. All in favor, motion carried. 7:34 PM Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to exit executive session and take no action. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 11. Adjourn:** 7:35 PM **Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM**


Brian Smith


Jeffrey Davis


Michael Hinerman


Marcia Hayward / Clerk