

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

5:00 PM


Selectmen: Brian Smith, Jeffrey Davis, Ryan Sprague

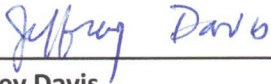
Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Present: Celeste Sherman, Joyce Smith, Gerald Crispino, Danna DeFalco, Renee Hull, Robert Hull, Robert Arseneau, Rose Arseneau, Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer, Marlene Sprague, Jimmy Clark, Renee Mercer.

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Brian Smith called meeting to order and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Jeff Davis to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** None
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Aquaculture Ordinance – Gerry / Crystal:** Gerry and Danna in attendance but not Crystal. Could be a miscommunication with Clerk's office. Tabled until 1/30/23
 - B. **Celeste Sherman – Clarify previous comments, plan for Sanborn & Pettegrow Property –** Celeste reported that since the last meeting the Pettegrow house has been removed which means the Town is now in compliance with the ordinance. She also clarified that at last meeting Jeff Davis reported that there are no long-term plans for the property. Jeff agreed that that is correct. Brian explained to Celeste the reason the Fort O'Brien property has not been sold to the State is because they have failed to offer the assessed amount, and that is what the town voters agreed to.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Resurrect Harbor Committee: See #6 below**
 - B. **Approve documents for Pettegrow:** Clerk advised that Selectmen had already approved documents by email and in person but added to agenda to be part of record. After some discussion, Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to adopt the Land Use Policy and continue the discussion of appropriate fees. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Name road to Hospice Bldg.** Clerk explained road needs a name separate from Unity Square due to the addition of the new town garage. Discussion ensued with various choices until Jeff Davis seconded the motion of Brian Smith to name the road Bayview Drive.
 - D. **Investment proposal:** Clerk prepared recommendation for CD investments with BHBT (Bar Harb. Bank) Bob Mercer advised interest rate in Jonesboro is double what BHBT is offering Machiasport on our ISP account. Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to investigate further and reach out to BHBT. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. **Robert Hull – Property issue with flooding:** Mr. Hull addressed the Board regarding flooding occurring on his property on E. Palmer Rd. which he believes is directly related to the creation of a neighbor's pond and the installation of a culvert. Jeff Davis advised he is familiar with the situation will check with Neil Sprague and follow-up with Mr. Hull.

6. **Selectmen's Report:** Brian thanked Ryan for taking the MTS call. He also advised of EMA email received today for elected or appointed officials for incident command. Training is mandatory and at no cost. Brian asked Clerk to register all 3 Selectmen for training. Ryan asked if we missed 5A. Ryan will submit list of potential candidates.
7. **Clerk / Treasurers Report:** in binder
8. **Tax Collector's Report:** in binder
9. **Executive Session:** 5:37 PM Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Brian Smith to enter executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen conducted conference call to town attorney for legal advice. 6:14 PM Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Brian Smith to exit executive session and to take action as discussed with attorney. All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Adjourn:** 6:15 PM Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.



Brian Smith

Jeffrey Davis

Ryan Sprague

Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk