

Machiasport Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

5:00 PM

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Jeff Davis called meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led in Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to accept minutes as presented noting a typographical error. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Jeff Davis to remove public comment from the Selectmen's Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ROW – Pettegrow – specifics – Rob:** Rob Boynton requested clarification on the Town maintaining the portion of private road at the end of Pettegrow Point Rd. along the portion the Town purchased. George Mouradjian suggested the plow turn around on the town's property since the Town owns both sides of the road. He also expressed his displeasure at the above motion to remove public comment. Rob states that according to Maine Law the end-user is responsible for maintenance of a right of way. Selectmen advised they will research the law and until that time, the Jasper Head Homeowner's Association will continue to be responsible. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Jeff Davis to table any change until the Selectmen have opportunity to complete their research. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Aquaculture / Gerry Crispino:** Having presented a second draft of the Ordinance, Jeff inquired of Crystal Canney if she had opportunity to review the documents and if she felt her organization would be able to defend it. Crystal advised there are parts that need to be modified but she suggested running it by their attorneys for their opinion.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Abatement – Terry McInnes:** Clerk explained situation that Mr. McInnes is deceased and Administrator of the Estate has moved the mobile home from the land but did so after April 1. Administrator felt they were responsible for ¼ of the years taxes and did pay that amount. Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to abate taxes as requested. \$ 109.69.
 - B. **Donation to MLA:** Clerk advised being approached by resident inquiring if the Town had donated to the Maine Lobstermen's Association. Resident suggested that as an individual, he had donated \$500.00 he felt the Town should donate \$1000. Both Jeff and Ryan recused themselves since they are lobstermen and advised Brian to make the decision. Brian requested more information and advised he would decide at a later date. Later in the week Brian advised to send \$1000.00 to MLA, which was sent.
6. **Public Comment: REMOVED**
7. **Selectmen's Report:** Brian thanked Ryan for taking the MTS call. Ryan advised a rate increase of \$.01/lb. starting Jan. 1. Jeff updated board on Gator harvesting. Brian inquired if Hospice Institute

ever paid taxes. Clerk advised that they had but have stopped and it is scheduled to foreclose in February.

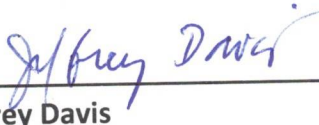
8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report: In binder

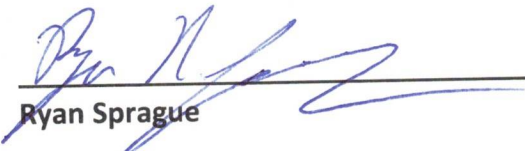
9. Tax Collector's Report: In binder.

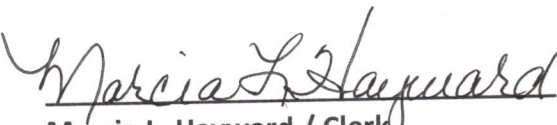
10. Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(c) Use of property. Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Jeff Davis to enter executive session at 5:22 PM. 5:50 PM Ryan Sprague seconded motion of Brian Smith to exit executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to NOT send the requested letter to Eaton Peabody representing the Jasper Beach Homeowner's Association. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Adjourn: Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.


Brian Smith


Jeffrey Davis


Ryan Sprague


Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk