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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023

5:00 PM

**Selectmen:** Brian Smith, Jeffrey Davis, and Ryan Sprague (late)

**Support:** Marcia Hayward / Clerk

**Audience:** Joyce Smith, Sue Almendinger, Danna DeFalco, Celeste Sherman, Hillary Tibbetts, Bob Mercer, Marlene Sprague, Amanda Sprague, Scott Porter, Gerry Crispino, Robert Arseneau, Rose Arseneau

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:** Brian Smith seconded motion of Jeff Davis to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Adjustments to Agenda:**

4. **Old Business:**

**A. Computer Use Policy:** Selectmen advised policy looks good and signed. Computer Policy is now required by our insurer, or a penalty is assessed.

5. **New Business:**

**A. School Budget – Scott Porter:** Scott presented proposed budget and explained each line and entertained questions. Scott reported cost of WA is approximately \$3200.00 per student more than Machias High. Proposed budget increased by \$49,000.

**B. Clam Committee requests survey of Kennebec Bay – David Cale** requested the issue be tabled until more committee members are present. Gerry contacted surveyor and estimate of a few thousand dollars was discussed. Committee members will contact Clerk when they have made a decision.

**C. Sign Employee Benefits Policy approved 8-22-2022 –** Selectmen signed Policy.

6. **Selectmen's Report:** Brian advised he did the Marion Trsf call and there appears to be an increase of \$.01 / per lb. on the horizon. They will decide in June. Brian thanked town for allowing him to serve for the past 8 years and advised Ryan Maker will be the new Selectmen pending election. Brian


asked Sue about her request for firewood. She stated she observed pick-up trucks exiting Gator Road with wood loaded.

**7. Clerk / Treasurer's Report:** Progress on the garage, we may have saved \$300,000 by preparing our permit applications ourselves. Clerk thanked Brian for always making himself available and for his support.


**8. Tax Collector's Report:** - Clerk advised office is working on taxes and have sent out reminder notices

**9. Executive Session:** Pursuant to MRSA §405(6)(A) Duties of officials / appointees and employees. Ryan seconded motion of Brian to enter executive session as noted above at 5:40 PM. All in favor, motion carried. 6:10 PM. Ryan seconded motion of Brian to pursue personnel matter as discussed.

**10. Adjourn:** Ryan seconded motion of Brian to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

  
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Jeffrey Davis

  
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Ryan Sprague

  
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Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk