

Town of Machiasport
2024 Special Town Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024 6:00PM
Fort O'Brien School

Selectmen: Jeffrey Davis, Ryan Sprague, Ryan Maker

Attorney: Stephen Wagner, Tim Pease (Rudman-Winchell)

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk, Ashley Warren / Deputy

Audience: Gerald Crispino, Joyce Smith, Sandra Prescott, Donna Allen, Ryan Sprague, Jeff Huntley, Ryan Maker, Hillary Tibbetts, Vanessa Sprague, Peter Sprague, Ann Crocker, Harry Crocker, Donna Sprague, Jeff Davis, Brian Smith, Stephen Wagner, Paul Sylvain, Paula Aschettino, Sue Almendinger, John Almendinger, Christine DeFalco, Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer, Carmine DeFalco, William Day, Mary Ellen Day, Douglas Sawyer, Vicki Maker, Jay Maker, Kevin Woodward, Adam Hall, Amanda Boynton, Robert Boynton, Justin Farnsworth, Peter Brandanese, David Whitney, Daid Smith, Linda Smith, Donna-Jean Metta, Suzanne Sousa, Claire Day, Wade Day, Karl Kurz, Debbie Nielsen, Jeanne Day, Jenn Reynolds-Smith, Judy Wood, Gerald Wood, Cheryl Thomas, Christopher Thomas, Marlene Sprague, Danny Sprague, Brianna Smith, James Mersereau, Danna DeFalco, Ron Smith, David Nielsen, Barbie Holmes, Ronny Holmes, Joyce Howland, Jeanine Garner, Eric J. Leighton, Elaine Wood, Jolene Wood, Barry L. Wood Sr. Jane Wood, Owen Wood, Robert Weston, Doris Galloway, Erin Ingalls, Charles Ingalls, Christopher Cates, Timothy Billings, Melissa Hinerman, Mark Sprague, Molly Sprague, Mark Sprague II, George Sprague, Ryan Currier, Rhonda Craven, David Craven, Millie Wood, Kevin Wood, Mary Hinerman, Michael Ginerman, Paul Holmes, Shirley Erickson, Gary Look, Margaret Badley, James Bradley, Troy Quimby, Mary Gould, David Grainger (?), Craig Wood, Traci Murphy, Mike Murphy Sr., Meredith Hinerman, Alan Gardner, Debbie Dodge, Deborah Huntley, Robert Moore, Jason Prescott, Horace Moore, Zita Wood, Norman Wood, Elisabeth Clark, Jimmy Clark, Ben Crocker Sr. Celeste Sherman, James Sherman, Kathleen Garcelon, Nancy Sprague, Harold Sprague Jr. Heather Graham, Jean Quimby, Ruth Beal, Renee Mercer, Clint Mercer, Robert Ingalls, Zachery Wood, Barry Wood Jr., LeAnn Hankins, Randal Hankins, Mark Kaplan, Betsy Fitzgerald, Martha Jordan, Richard Jordan, Nicholas Wood, Howard Bjornson, Alice Bjornson, Joseph Dowling, Claude Brown, Jamie Pierce, Lisa Fochesato, David Wood, Justin Erickson, Frank Collin, David Cale, Alex Holmes, Ken Link, dawn Link, Haylee Link, Caitlyn Link, Roseanne Arseneau, Tony Maker, Alex McCurdy, Alex Finlay, Erica Famous, Sarah Dedmon, Anne Hemsley, Tom Chastain, Mike Murphy II, Barret Craven, Marcia Hayward

Clerk called meeting to order, led audience in Pledge of Allegiance and read opening greeting through ARTICLE 1.

TO: Peter Sprague a resident in the Town of Machiasport, County of Washington, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Machiasport, in the County of Washington, and the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Fort O'Brien School in said town on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024 A.D., at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 1-3.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. **Clerk asked for nominations for Moderator. Ryan Maker seconded the nomination of Ryan Sprague to nominate Tim Pease, Moderator, No other nominations were received. Tim Pease sworn as Moderator and continued with warrant.**

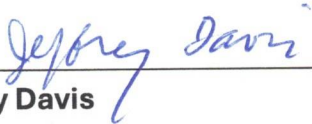
ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Machiasport approve the Order of Eminent Domain Condemnation, Taking of Easements Over Land Located at 1759 Port Road, Machiasport, Washington County, approved by the Select Board on February 5, 2024, and appropriate \$44,001, as damages to the owners of the land described in said Order? **Mrs. Aschettino requested permission to speak as she is not a registered Machiasport voter and the audience was polled. Not receiving 2/3 majority, her request was denied. Carmine DeFalco then read Mrs. Aschettino's prepared statement. Motion and second made from the floor to approve the ARTICLE. Moderator opened floor to discussion. After considerable discussion, voters cast written ballots. Clerk and Deputy counted 114 in favor, 23 opposed. Motion carried.**

Explanation: Pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 3023, the Town Meeting may not amend this article, except to increase the amount of damages to be paid. Title shall pass to the Town upon service of the check or upon recordation in accordance with section 3024, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town of Machiasport approve the order of Eminent Domain Condemnation, Taking of Easements Over Land Located at 1755 Port Road, Machiasport, Washington County, approved by the Select Board on February 5, 2024, and appropriate \$53,001, as damages to the owners of the land described in said Order? **Motion and second made from the floor then Moderator opened the floor to discussion. After considerable discussion, voters cast written ballots. Clerk and Deputy counted ballots and were overseen by Mary Gould at the request of Carmine and Christine DeFalco. Ballots revealed 110 in favor and 18 opposed. Motion carried.**

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 P.M.




Jeffrey Davis



Ryan Sprague



Ryan Maker



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk