

**Town of Machiasport
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024**

Selectmen: Jeff Davis, Ryan Maker, Ryan Sprague

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Audience: Mike Hinerman, Barbara Maloy, Robert Arseneau, Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer, David Cale, Roseanne Arseneau, Francis Rodriguez, Gerry Crispino

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Jeff Davis called meeting to order at 5:05 PM and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting** Selectmen reviewed minutes and Ryan Maker seconded motion of Jeff Davis to approve as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Adjustments to Agenda: (5H) Cooper House;** Bob Mercer spoke of damage to Cooper House during recent storms and discussed with Selectmen who should apply for FEMA funds. Since the building is owned by the Historical Society, they were advised to complete the application on their own behalf. There was also a discussion on the installation of a barrier to protect the shore and the buildings. Discussion to continue.

4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Hospice building/Roof Bids etc.** Selectmen discussed whether to use metal or to shingle the roof and decided upon shingles. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Jeff Davis to publish a bid notice for shingling the roof, all in favor, motion carried. Selectmen instructed Clerk on wording of the bid notice.
 - B. **Solar Ordinance:** Robert Arseneau presented history of creating a committee to create an ordinance regulating the installation, construction and decommissioning of solar installations. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to table approval of the ordinance until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Since the moratorium is set to expire, Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Jeff Davis to extend the moratorium another 6 months. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Aquaculture Ordinance - Zach Wood:** Gerry Crispino explained that the committee has settled on a draft ordinance to submit to Selectmen for a vote at June's town meeting. Bob Mercer shared his opinions on the content of the proposed ordinance. Selectmen commended committees on their commitment to creating the above ordinances. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to approve the proposed Aquaculture Ordinance as presented, for vote at the Annual Town Meeting. Two in favor, Jeff Davis opposed. Motion carried.

- D. **Garage update:** Clerk advised a new architect has been located and should provide a quote shortly. Once the plans are completed and approved, then the project can go out to bid.
- E. **Abandoned boat:** Jeff advised hearing that Gary Densmore plans to move the boat and Selectmen should determine acceptable conditions for moving. Clerk advised legal fees are just under \$1000. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Jeff Davis that the Town will release any claim to the boat upon payment of \$1000 and a 10-day time fame. Ten days to begin on 3/26/24. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **David Cale - signage for harbor / beach clean-up:** David Cale requested additional signage on the Pettegrow lot. Selectmen discussed the unauthorized storage of property on this lot. Jeff Davis suggested getting together with David to work out harbor details.
- B. **Rob - Bids for mowing - roadside:** Jeff Davis seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to have mowing put out to bid. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. **Mowing - TO/McGuire - Stevens:** Clerk advised of bid received for office mowing. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Jeff Davis to contract with Whitney Stevens for this years' mowing service. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. **Set date for budget meeting:** Budget meeting set for 4/11 at 3:30.
- E. **Set date for ATM (6/24):** Jeff Davis seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to hold the Annual Town Meeting on June 24, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. **Approve 3 CD's @ 26 wks. with BHBT:** Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to approve the purchase of 3 -26 week CD's @ \$225,000 each. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. **Annual Report Dedication:** Selectmen were asked to determine person of note to be recognized in the Annual Report for this year. After some discussion, Clerk suggested Barbara Maloy. Selectmen agreed Barbara Maloy should be recognized.
- H. **Cooper House Flooding - see above**
- I. **Facebook:** In a previous meeting Selectmen stated they would like to discuss Facebook at the next regular meeting
It was agreed to add Ryan Maker as an administrator for the Facebook account.

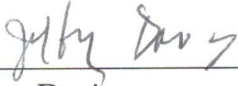
6. **Selectmen's Report:** Selectmen discussed drainage from Gator Road.

7. **Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Clerk notified Selectmen that the Town has been served another summons and complaint for a suit by the DeFalco's and Aschettino's. This makes the third suit against the town, not including the eminent domain process.

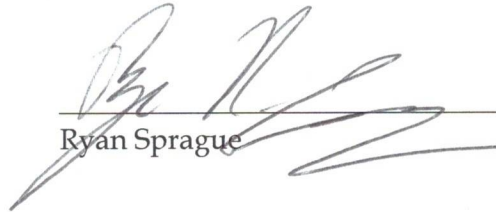
8. Tax Collector's Report: In Binder

9. Executive Session: None

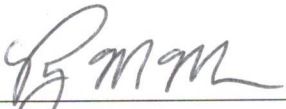
10. **Adjourn:** David Cale asked if the Gray's Beach Rd. could be rock raked. He was advised to talk to Rob. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Jeff Davis to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.



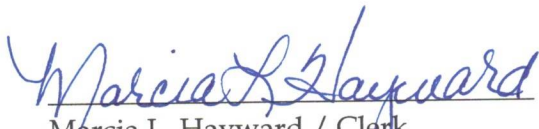
Jeffrey Davis



Ryan Sprague



Ryan Maker



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk