

Town of Machiasport
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024

Selectboard: Ryan Sprague, Ryan Maker, Sarah Dedmon

Support: Marcia Hayward

Audience: Paul Sylvain, Charles Ingalls, Mike Hinerman, Robert Arseneau, Rose Arseneau, Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Sprague called meeting to order at 5:00 and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting : Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Adjustments to Agenda: Sarah mentioned she spoke with Tora Johnson representing Machias and the Machias Sewage overflow events. Tora would be willing meet with the Shellfish Committee. Sarah will make the arrangements.

4. Old Business:

A. Maritime Committee: Clerk advised the Planning Board Committee discussed at their last meeting, reinstating the Maritime Committee to be used as a resource in drafting new and amended ordinances. Discussion ensued. Sarah spoke in support of reinstatement of the Maritime Committee and motioned to create a 5-7 qualified members to create a committee and bring the names back to the next SB meeting. Selectboard will consider potential candidates. meeting. Motion was seconded by Ryan Maker with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

B. Maine Farmland Trust – Sarah stated her belief that the town should consider supporting anything that promotes farming and access to fresh food. Sarah literature for Board to review.

5. New Business:

A. Planning Board Vacancy: Planning Board recommended Charles Ingalls be appointed. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to appoint Charles Ingalls to the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried. Charles mentioned his personal feelings on the Town's involvement Protect Maine. Planning Board members noted their objection to working with the Protect Maine ordinance.

B. Appeals Board Vacancy: Clerk advised interested parties are Brian Smith & Wade Day. Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to appoint Brian Smith and Wade Day to the Board of Appeals. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Clammers Access – Town of Cutler: Cutler Selectman, David Glidden spoke on the increasing difficulty Cutler clammers are experiencing in obtaining access to their flats. He suggested Cutler is willing to contribute 1/2 cost of maintenance

of Foss Lane in order to allow Cutler's use of the road. Discussion ensued.

6. Selectboard Report: Ryan Maker asked to change the Sept. meeting to 9/30 instead of 9/23. All agreed this was acceptable.

7. Clerk / Treasurer's Report:

Ballot Clerk list approval: Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to approve the Ballot Clerk list as presented. All in favor, motion carried.


8. Tax Collector's Report: In Binder

9. Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) Acquisition of property Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to enter Executive Session at 5:35 PM . Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to exit Executive Session at 6:36 PM.

10. Adjourn: Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.


Ryan Sprague


Ryan Maker


Sarah Dedmon


Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk