

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2024

Select Board: Ryan Sprague, Ryan Maker, Sarah Dedmon

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Audience: Beverly Mouradjian, George Mouradjian, Jody Kearney, Ken Kearney, Paul Sylvain, Will Tuell, Robert Arseneau, Roseanne Arseneau, Zach Wood, David Cale

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

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

3. Adjustments to Agenda: Add Executive Session

4. Harbor Master's Report: David Cale reported the winch was taken to Toppins for repair. A new pump replacement is estimated to cost \$5000-\$6000. David advised he participated in an on-line mooring class but that it was geared toward larger towns with computerized recordkeeping.

5. Old Business:

A. Will Tuell - Base Housing - Will Tuell spoke about his re-election and impending trip to Augusta. A discussion ensued regarding base housing and whether or not the Town is interested in taking ownership. It was determined that Will, will keep abreast of any movement on the part of the State to sell the property and report to the Town, so the Town can provide input.

B. Harbor Committee - David Cale advised the first meeting will be held next Tuesday 5:00 at the municipal complex.

C. Fire Dept. - (tabled from 10-28 mtg) -Tabled.

6. New Business:

A. Tora Johnson: Upper Machias Bay Planning - Tora Johnson spoke on the creation of the Upper Machias Bay Planning Committee and the need for all interested parties to participate in the meetings. The committee will focus on transportation infrastructure (dike). They requested 2 members from each municipality attend and participate in the planning. After some discussion, Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to appoint Zach Wood and Marcia Hayward to the committee to represent Machiasport. **All in favor,** motion carried.

B. Gift Shop contract: Clerk presented a draft contract to Select Board for Vendors interested in placing items at the new Town Office, which will host a

Small gift shop. Board discussed the contract. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to approve the contract with edits. All in favor, motion .

C. PB Updated fee structure proposed: Clerk presented Board with sample fee increases in municipal permits. Select Board discussed current fees and proposed and decided they needed more time to consider what is appropriate.

7. **Selectmen's Report:** Ryan Maker asked if the audience wanted to comment on the proposed truck turn around. George Mouradjian stated he was concerned with who would maintain the road. He added the Town has a bully attitude and does not want to discuss anything. Both Ryan M. and Sarah advised they were new and asked if we Could look forward instead of backward. Ryan added that the issue of the turn Around is a safety issue. Discussion ensued and became hostile and people were talking over each other. Jody Kearney stated the Select Board had no right to make the decision and should have discussed it with the HOA. The conversation being loud with many people speaking at once, Tora Johnson stated the conversation was hard to follow because of the commotion and recommended people speak one at a time. George Mouradjian suggested having trucks use Transue Way and drive around. Transue Way is a private driveway. Beverly Mouradjian asked what happens if a truck breaks down and the road is blocked, they would be trapped. Sarah Dedmon suggested the issue be tabled while more research is done.

Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to cancel the December meeting which would occur on December 22. All in favor, motion carried.

Zach Wood requested a Conservation Closure for Machiasport clam flats at Little Bay and West Branch from 1/1/2025 through 6/1/25. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to approve the closure. All in favor, motion carried.

8. **Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

Holiday hours: Clerk requested the office close at noon on 12/24 which board Approved.

Clerk/Deputy Benefits: Clerk requested Board consider allowing time and ½ for compensatory time earned. Current practice is for Clerk & Deputy to earn "straight time" when they work outside their normally scheduled hours.

Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to approve the suggestions as presented except the time and ½ portion will be calculated based on hours in excess of the regular 32/40 hr. weeks. All in favor, motion carried.

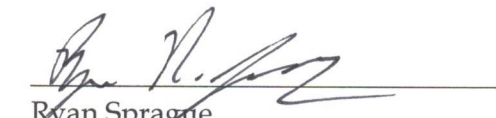
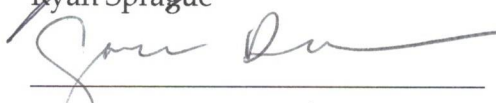
Clerk also suggested an Elections Policy wherein the office will open at 10:00 On the day following an election; for a Presidential Election the following day The office will be closed to the public but Clerks will work 12-4 to finalize mandatory documentation of the election. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to approve the suggestions as presented except the time and ½ portion will be calculated based on hours in excess of the regular 32/40 hr.

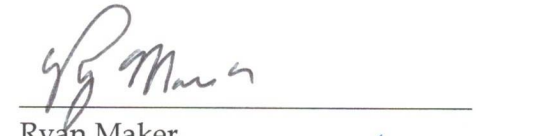

weeks. All in favor, motion carried.
Next Meeting at new building

9. Tax Collector's Report: - In binder

10. Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S.A 405(6)(C) Condition of Property. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to enter executive session. 6:55 PM Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to exit executive session and take no action. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Adjourn: Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM


Ryan Sprague

Sarah Dedmon


Ryan Maker

Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk