

**TOWN OF MACHIASPORT  
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 22, 2024**

**SELECT BOARD:** Ryan Maker, Sarah Dedmon Ryan Sprague (absent)

**Support:** Marcia Hayward

**Audience:** Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer, Rose Arseneau, Robert Arseneau, Justin Farnsworth,  
Michael Hinerman, Paul Sylvain, David Cale, Mary Hinerman, Frank Rodriguez

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** Ryan Maker called meeting to order and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting x 2:** Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker To approve minutes as presented. Both in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** NONE

**4. Old Business:**

**A. Aquaculture Ordinance – Sarah:** Sarah introduced Crystal Canney of Protect Maine who spoke on the need for the ordinance. Also speaking were Bailey Bowden of Penobscot who worked on their committee to create an ordinance. Crystal asked Bob Mercer why the Planning Board was opposed to the Protect Maine Ordinance to which he replied that they felt the Protect Maine Ordinance targeted Cooke. A discussion ensued on the merits of the latest proposed ordinance and suggested reasons why it failed to pass at last town meeting. Crystal reiterated Protect Maine's assurance that the group would cover legal fees incurred if their ordinance was accepted and tried in court. Many suggestions were made with Select Board asking the Planning Board to take another look at the ordinance. Planning Board will ask the public to attend with suggested modifications to the existing ordinance at their September meeting. From there edits will potentially be made to construct an ordinance that will pass at town meeting.

**B. New Garage – Clerk:** Clerk explained status of garage grant and Select Board signed the resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Select Board of the Town of Machiasport approves and accepts in all respects, a proposed grant of \$1,125,000 from the USDA Rural Development for the construction of the public works garage in Machiasport, ME in accordance with Form RD 3570-3, *Community Facilities Grant Agreement*, and authorizes the Board and its Secretary of the Board to execute and deliver all documents, and to take any and all actions necessary to carry into effect such grant funding, including, but not limited to, Form RD 400-1, *Equal Opportunity Agreement*.

Form RD 3570-3, *Community Facilities Grant Agreement* was presented and Voted upon as follows:

**Yeas** 2

**Nays** 0

**Absent** 1

**5. New Business:**

**A. Resident requests "No ATV on Public Way" sign for E. Side Rd:** Ryan M. advised he has signs and will drop them off at the town office.

**B. MFD Requests internet service:** Justin Farnsworth spoke on the need for FD to have internet service. Select Board instructed Justin to research costs and return.

**C. Resident requests Town approach DOT re: sidewalks Port, Rim:** Item tabled due to resident being absent.

**D. David Cale - Maritime Ordinance:** David Cale spoke on the need to update the Maritime Ordinance and asked Select Board if Planning Board could review. Select Board spoke with Planning Board Chair, Robert Arseneau who stated they would work with David on the ordinance. David was further instructed to obtain a wake marker.

**E. Remove Jeff Davis, add Sarah Dedmon to BHBT accounts:** Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to remove Jeff Davis and add Sarah to the Bar Harbor accounts. Both in favor, motion carried.

**F. Safe for hospice bldg.** Provided a copy of a safe proposed for the new town office, Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to authorize the Clerk to secure a safe, after checking the fire rating at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. Both in favor, motion carried.

**G. MMA P & C review:** Clerk advised MMA had visited and met with Fire Chief, Road Commissioner and Clerk to review mandatory policies, training and postings. To ensure a successful Worker's Comp. audit, should one occur. Clerk advised the 3 Department Managers are working together to ensure all aspects are covered.

**H. Close for move:** Clerk asked Select Board to be aware that the office will have to close for a period of time in order to complete the move. If necessary, a neighboring Town will be asked to perform registrations on behalf of Machiasport.

**I. W/O Amounts due from TA properties:** Select Board was presented with a list of aged accounts seeking permission to write off. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to write off the list as presented. Both in favor, motion carried. Clerk will keep a copy in the event some tax acquired are sold in the future.

**6. Selectmen's Report:** Ryan Maker express the thanks of the Board to David Cale for his Organizing the Man Overboard training.

**7. Clerk / Treasurer's Report:** Clerk advised of two upcoming trainings when the office will have to be closed. Those are August 20<sup>th</sup>, and September 4 & 5. Select Board approve both.

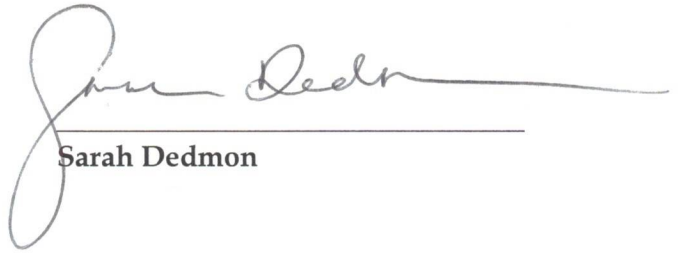
**8. Tax Collector's Report: In Binder**

**9. Executive Session: NONE**

10. Adjourn: Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to adjourn. Both in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.



Ryan Maker



Sarah Dedmon

Ryan Sprague absent.



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk

