

**Town of Machiasport**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2025**  
**5:00 PM**

**Select Board:** Ryan Maker, Ryan Sprague and Sarah Dedmon

**Support:** Marcia Hayward / Clerk

**Audience:** Beverly Mouradjian, George Mouradjian, Lowell Morse, Paul Sylvain, Robert Arseneau, Rose Arseneau

**Call to Order:** Ryan Maker called meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Adjustments to Agenda:** Ryan Maker spoke on the Department Manager meetings held last week. Feedback from all who participated was positive. This is the first such meeting in recent memory to speak with each DM and get their input on the needs and wants of each department and to keep communication open. All agreed this should be done at least annually.

**Harbor Master's Report: Absent:** Ryan spoke on the DM meeting with David. David states he needs a pump, winch, ladders need repair.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion of Foreclosed Property:** Clerk explained process for selling foreclosed property and asked permission to begin process on: Ward Lane, 31 Corn Hill and .10 acre on Port Rd. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to begin the process. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion also included the property at Low Cove,** which required more research. This property was part of the agreement with the State to assist in the purchase of Jasper Beach and **cannot** be sold.

**Cemetery Update:** Clerk advised all cemeteries are positive with the town assuming the care of the cemeteries. Also, advised of need to set fee schedule and set of regulations. The Correctional Facility has stated they will assume care of 2 of the cemeteries. Greg Berry stated he is interested in continuing with mowing but the only town equipment he has is one weed whacker. Sarah inquired as to the additional work for Clerk and process. Select Board agreed that this is a good project for our proposed handyman position.

**New Business:**

**Andrew Moholland:** Sarah introduced Andrew Moholland and he spoke on the process of subdividing the 40+ acres to the rear of the new town office. Mr. Moholland covered a wide range of topics including a Survey, Wetlands, an Engineered Road, Septic systems, vernal pools and much more. The Board and audience received answers to their questions and agreed the topic requires more research. Mr. Moholland suggested a title search be done on the property first. He advised that test pits are a bad idea and septic designs cost not much more. He also advised vernal pool inspection needs to be done in April or May. It was suggested that the town proceed by doing small groups of lots at a time.

**LHO Resignation:** Clerk advised Donna Allen told her she will be done as Local Health Officer as of June 30, 2025 and a replacement needs to be found. LHO position is mandated by the state.

**Select Board Report:** Ryan Maker spoke on the departmental meetings as noted above. Robert Arseneau stated he felt the meeting was very fruitful. Sarah attended the Planning Board meeting where the Food Sovereignty ordinance was discussed. Robert Arseneau reported that he contacted MMA regarding this ordinance.

**Clerk's Report:** Nothing new

**Tax Collector's Report:** - In Binder

**Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) Duties of Officials:** Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to enter executive session at 6:23 PM. All in favor, motion carried. 7:19 PM Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to exit executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Ryan Sprague to negotiate a contract with Machias to provide fire services for Machiasport. Sarah Dedmon recused herself. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

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Ryan Maker

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Ryan Sprague

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Sarah Dedmon

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Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk

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