

Select Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2025 5:00 PM

Select Board: Ryan Maker, Ryan Sprague, Sarah Dedmon

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Audience: Paul Sylvain, Kathy Mercer, Bob Mercer, Jody Kearney, Ken Kearney, Amanda Boynton, Shannon Larmie, Jake White, Mike Murphy II, Dave Nielsen, David Cale, Raymond Phillips, Justin Farnsworth

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

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

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Harbor Master's Report: David Cale reported organizing a beach clean-up activity for April 11 & 12. Harbor Committee, Fort O'Brien School, LT and Cooke's will all participate. Volunteers are welcome as well. Dave has secured a dumpster for \$450 and trash will be charged at \$130/ton. Clean-up will be held at Pettegrow, Finn and Gray's Beaches. Toppins will replace the previously discussed pump by end of April for estimated \$5600. Dave will speak with Bill Beverly about having the correctional facility assist with the event.

Old Business:

- A. **Cemetery update:** Clerk advised correctional facility has committed to mowing 2 of our cemeteries. Emails have been sent to associations asking for documents & funds to be turned over by April 15.
- B. **Fire Department:** Dave Nielsen advised that there was considerable Confusion following Ryan Makers address to the FD and asked for clarification. Ryan advised that Dave had been telling the Select Board for years that the FD was not attracting volunteers and this Board decided to take action to find a solution. Ryan Maker stated that given the new volunteer numbers, the Town would no longer be seeking assistance from Machias. Mike Murphy thanked the Select Board for their support.

New Business:

A. New Hickey Road property: In preparation for the attempted sale of lots along New Hickey Road, Ryan Maker asked the Clerk to determine if the Town has clear title to the property due to a portion being included in the purchase agreement of Jasper Beach.

B. Set date for budget meeting: After brief discussion, Board agreed to hold budget meeting 4-17-25 at 5:00 PM.

C. ACO : Clerk advised that the County has ceased the operation of ACO service to Municipalities and now only covers the Unorganized Territories. Awaiting contract from current ACO who would like to take over for the county.

D. Plan for mowing : This item tabled to budget meeting.

Selectmen's Report: Ryan Maker stated he noticed the clean-up at the highway garage and expressed what a good job has been done there.

Clerk's Report : In Binder – Auditor will be here 3/31.

Tax Collector's Report: In Binder

Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C) Use of Property Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to enter executive session at 5:48 PM. All in favor, motion carried. 6:33 PM Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to exit executive session, all in favor, motion carried. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to authorize Sarah to speak with Andrew Moholland to request service for 3 parcels of Town land. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Ryan Maker

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