

Town of Machiasport
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2025

Select Board: Ryan Maker, Ryan Sprague and Sarah Dedmon

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Audience: Paul Sylvain, Zach Wood, David Cale, Roseanne Arseneau, Robert Arseneau, Alex Finaly, Jen Peters

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

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

3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Zach Wood requested Alex Finlay be added to the Shellfish Committee. Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to approve Alex's nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Jen Peters spoke on the Community Resiliency Partnership and steps needed to obtain grant funds. Select Board issued Resolution and set community priorities. Jen will address the Select Board at meetings with quarterly updates.

4. **Harbor Master's Report:** Dave updated board on various happenings around the pier. Matt Huntley donated a set of steps for pier use. Also the float has been removed from the Pettegrow lot. He also advised traffic has increased and he has been instructing people where to park.

5. Old Business:

A. Shellfish Ordinance - Ryan M. -discussion ensued regarding the ordinance and interpretation of wording, specifically, "domicile" and whether or not Ken Faas falsified his application in claiming a Machiasport residence. Zach advised all members voted to approve the license, but David Cale stated he did not recall being asked. Committee will hold another meeting Thursday night and will again vote on the issue. Ryan Sprague will also attend. All agreed ordinance needs to be "tightened-up." Also, Clerk will notify committee of applications received and committee will determine if applicant is a resident.

6. **New Business:** Clerk requested Board officially designate the Town Office as the central location for all Town documents for easier access in the event of public request. Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to have all town documents housed at the Town Office. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk requested input for MMA Safety Grant - discussed and will continue to consider options for this funding.

7. Selectmen's Report: Sarah asked Jen about grants to replace faulty septs. Jen referred her to MCF grant - Land for Communities.

Nancy Mirman, summer resident, suggested that the Town be wary of too much lighting in order not to diminish the night sky. She also requested to be heard on her opposition to the Beach Road, eminent domain issue. Board advised Ms. Mirman that the issue was with the court and they would not comment.

8. Clerk's Report: - In Binder

9. Tax Collector's Report: - In Binder

10. Executive Session: Pursuant to M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C) Condition of Property. 6:33 PM Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to enter executive session. All in favor, motion carried. 7:04 PM Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to exit executive session. All in favor motion carried. Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to continue to work on town property at Pettegrow Point and clear.

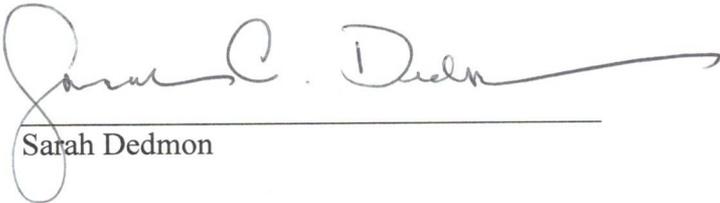
11. Adjourn: Sara Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM



Ryan Maker



Ryan Sprague



Sarah Dedmon



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk