

TOWN OF MACHIASPORT

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Ryan Maker

Sarah Dedmon

Ryan Sprague

SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 24, 2025

4:30 – Mtg with SCEC & Conservation Groups

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Adjustments to Agenda: Pettegrow Point Rd.
4. Harbor Master's Report
5. Old Business:
 - A. Clam Committee recommendations
6. New Business:
 - A. East Machias Mutual Aid Contract Review - EM
7. Selectmen's Report
8. Clerk's Report
9. Tax Collector's Report:
10. Executive Session:
11. Adjourn:

**Town of Machiasport
Public Hearing
Select Board Meeting Minutes
GA Public Hearing 5:00 followed by SB Meeting
October 27, 2025**

Select Board: Ryan maker, Ryan Sprague, Sarah Dedmon

Support: Marcia Hayward / Clerk

Audience: Paul Sylvain, Jody Keanrey, Ken Kearney, Katie Shaw, Anna Grimshaw, Robert Arseneau, Rose Arseneau, Joyce Smith, Brian Smith, Emily Farr, Marissa McMahan, Hannah Barnes, Zach Wood, Tora Johnson

1. **Ryan Maker opened the GA Public Hearing at 5:00 PM.** Public hearing is done annually to accept the new State mandated guidelines. Considering no comments or questions were posed, public hearing was adjourned.
2. **Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Liberty Hall – Anna Grimshaw: Anna Grimshaw explained to the Board that Liberty Hall is in process of Submitting a grant application to create an emergency exit. She asked the Board approve \$3000 from the LH Reserve account to assist in covering the cost of the architect. Ryan Sprague seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to approve the funds as requested. Sarah Dedmon recused herself from the vote as she is on the LH Board of Directors. Motion carried.
4. **Harbor Master’s Report:** David Cale explained activities since last report. He requested to attend training in March to which the Board advised to keep them posted.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. **FD FF #1 & 2 Training:** No FF present. Sarah advised she has Spoken with Shannon about this, and to table to next meeting.
6. **New Business:**

A. Mud Flats: Gulf of Maine Research Inst. Gulf of Maine, Manomet Conservation Services and SCEC presented their desire For research and mapping of Machiasport clam flats. Clam Chair, Zach Wood stated he felt it was unnecessary and he had received complaints from clambers regarding sediment. Both Zach and Ryan M. voiced their concern for local control of activity. Select Board agreed to meet with the groups at 4:30 PM on November 24.

B. Jasper Head Homeowner's Association: Jody and Ken Kearney, representing the Jasper Head Homeowner's Association questioned the Board on the plans for the Pettegrow Point parking lot. The couple expressed concern that the information they received from DEP is different from the information DEP presented to CEO and Clerk during their recent meeting. Board explained that the intent is to enlarge the parking lot and nothing formal has been created toward that end.

C. GA Updated limits: Vote approved above.

D. Rental of old town office: Select Board heard from Jeff Despres Who is interested in renting the former town office. Ryan Maker Seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to have the Clerk draft and execute a lease with Jeff. All in favor, motion carried.

E. SCEC - Community Resiliency: Tora Johnson spoke on Machiasport's participation in Community Resiliency Partnership. Board and Tora agreed to meet at 4:30 on November 24.

F. East Side Road Complaint: Brian and Joyce Smith expressed concern over dangerous traffic activity on the East Side Road. The couple provided several examples and requested an additional speed limit sign be erected on the road. The Smith's also noted the mirror at Narrows Road needs to be adjusted. Board agreed another sign could be erected.

7. Selectmen's Report: Ryan Maker asked if the driveway on the Pettegrow lot is sufficient to turn around a plow truck. The Kearney's advised it is.

8. Clerk's Report: Binder

9. Tax Collector's Report: Binder

A. East Machias Mutual Aid Contract Review - EM: Discussion ensued regarding East Machias' notice of increased fee for mutual aid. It was noted that East Machias is the only municipality in the area to charge a fee for mutual aid. Justin will speak with Jack (EM) and Select Board and vote will occur later. RCC needs to be reminded to tone East Machias first.

7. Selectmen's Report: Nothing to add

Harbor Master states the towing company (salvage) asked if the Town could offer him a donation for lifting the vessel. Rayn Maker asked about collecting restitution, but the Board will think about it.

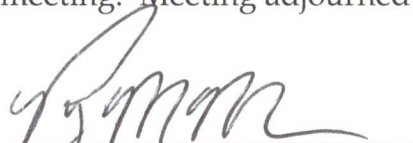
Mike Hinerman asked where the Town stands with respect to County tax. Sarah Dedmon advised that the Town will hold a meeting in January to ask the residents if they want to pay it.

8. Clerk's Report


9. Tax Collector's Report:

10. Executive Session:

11. Adjourn: Sarah Dedmon seconded the motion of Ryan Maker to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.



Ryan Maker



Ryan Sprague



Sarah Dedmon



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk.