

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

FORT O'BRIEN SCHOOL

Select Board: Ryan Maker, Ryan Sprague, Sarah Dedmon

Support: Ashley Warren Deputy/ Marcia Hayward Clerk

Guests: Courtney Hammond / County Commissioner
Ben Edwards / County Budget Committee

Audience: Mary Grainger, Paul Sylvain, Shirley Erickson, Ann Crocker, Peter Sprague, Vanessa Sprague, Elaine Wood, Jacqueline O'Clair, Susan O'Clair, Christine DeFalco, Vincent DeFalco, Carmine DeFalco, Charles Ingalls, Ken Kearney, Francis Rodriguez, Betsy Fitzgerald, Robert Ingalls, James Shaw, Chris Dedmon, Jim Clark, Mary Hinerman, Michael Hinerman, Roseanne Arseneau, Robert Arseneau, Joyce Smith, Starr Sweeney, Kate Shaw, Robert Ustruck, James Loffredo, Jennifer Loffredo, Vicki Maker, Jay Maker

To: Rob Boynton, a resident in the Town of Machiasport, County of Washington, and State of Maine. **GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the **Town of Machiasport**, in the County of Washington, and the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Fort O'Brien School, in said Town on **Monday the 2nd day of February 2026, A.D.**, then and there to act on ARTICLE 1 and ARTICLE 2 as set out below. And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at Fort O'Brien School in said Town on **Monday, the 2nd day of February 2026 at six o'clock in the evening**, then and there to act on these **ARTICLES**.

Ryan Maker called the meeting to order and led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk read above greeting and ARTICLE 1. Betsy Fitzgerald was nominated as moderator and 3 residents voted in support. Moderator was sworn and continued to ARTICLE 2.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of Three hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred one dollars (\$323,201) for Machiasport's obligated portion of the Washington County Tax Anticipation Note repayment, with said sum to be raised and appropriated as follows:

Correction of data entry discrepancy in the 2025 Commitment:	\$277,300
Undesignated Fund Balance:	45,901
For a total appropriation of	\$323,201
Select Board Recommends: Approval	

ARTICLE was moved, seconded and the floor open for discussion. Jimmy Clark addressed his many questions which were addressed by the Board and guests. Shirley Erickson offered input as well as Mary Grainger, Robert Arseneau and several others. After extended explanations, vote was cast by show of hands with majority in favor. Motion carried.

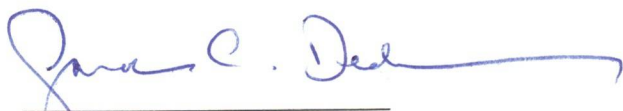
Ryan Maker seconded the motion of Sarah Dedmon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM




Ryan Maker



Ryan Sprague



Sarah Dedmon



Marcia L. Hayward / Clerk