

Town of Searsport, Maine  
Select Board Meeting

April 15, 2025

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Norman, Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Doug Norman, Chair, Mark Bradstreet Vice Chair, Steve Tanguay, Sandra Otis-Anderson and Wes Norton are all present.
4. Announcements: None
5. Acceptance of minutes: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting as presented. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: Rolf Olsen asked for a Mass Communications Committee meeting to be scheduled. The date and time was set for Thursday April 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm,
8. Old Business:
  - a. Part Time Police Pay: Wes Norton made a motion to adjust the 2025 wage schedule that was approved earlier in the year; particularly the per diem line to allow for temporary per diem employees to be hired up to the rate of their appropriate step. Seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
  - b. Policy Book Updates 2025: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the policy book updates for 2025 as presented by James Gillway. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 5-0-0
  - c. School Resource Officer Contract with RSU 20: Motion: Wes Norton made a motion that the select board endorse the contract for a school resource officer in partnership with the RSU 20 school board contingent on the Town Attorney's endorsement as well. The proposed cost share is 75% RSU 20 and 25% Town of Searsport. Seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 5-0-0
  - d. Fire Truck Repairs: Steve Tanguay made a motion to approve expending up to \$3,870.00 from the Fire Equipment Reserve to finish the repairs to the Fire Truck. Seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
9. New Business:
  - a. Planning Board Resignations/Appointments: James Gillway announced Peter Nowell's resignation from the planning board and presented Jack Hills' application for consideration of an appointment to the Planning Board and Diane Smith's application for appointment to the Climate Resiliency Committee. Wes Norton made a motion to accept the resignation of Peter Nowell, planning board chairman with regret, appoint Diane Smith to the Climate resiliency Committee and table any appointments to the Planning Board at this time. Seconded by Sandra Otis Anderson. Vote: 5-0-0 Applicants will be invited before the board as part of the appointment considerations.
  - b. Abatement Request for Tax Account 1031: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to abate tax account 1031 on an uninhabitable mobile home, Seconded by Steve Tanguay. He requested that the board be reminded of the abatement policy and procedures. Vote: 5-0-0
  - c. Authorization for a Per- Diem Deputy Clerk: Wes Norton made a motion to authorize the town manger to retain the position of Per-Diem Deputy Clerk. Seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 5-0-0

- d. Generator Repair at Public Safety Building: Sandra Otis Anderson made a motion to approve up to \$1,800.00 for the repairs to the generator from the public safety building reserve. Seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
  - e. Cyber Security: Mark Bradstreet made the motion to table, seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
10. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour: None
11. Correspondence:
- a. Letter from Kate Dufour, Advocacy & Communications Director regarding the FY 2026-FY 2027 State General Fund Budget.
  - b. Letter from Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services: Individual 2024 UC Fund Balance Report.
  - c. Thank You note to the Ambulance Department from Jean Russell
12. Treasurer's Warrant. Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending Signatures by the Select Board Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
13. Town Manager and Department Head Reports: Steve Tanguay made a motion to accept the Manager And department head reports as presented. Seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
14. Select Board Report:
- a. Mark Bradstreet mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony held this past Saturday at Pumpkin Patch Antiques in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> year in business.
  - b. Sandra Otis-Anderson reminded everyone about the Senior Drop In Day to be held tomorrow at the Community Center starting at 9:00am
  - c. Steve Tanguay reminded everyone about the Spring Clean up day scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 at Mermaid Plaza. He thanked the Library staff for all their hard work and asked if the Hot Spots in town can be looked at for efficiency
  - d. Wes Norton mentioned the work the Community Resiliency Committee is doing. The Recycling Committee is looking for members. Bricks and Sticks opens for the season at Hamilton Wharf tomorrow.
  - f. Doug Norman had no additional report at this time.
15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: Kim Yesis inquired about sending a team of Volunteers to North Searsport as part of the community clean up day.
16. Executive Session: Mark made a motion at 6:50 pm to leave regular session and enter into executive session under M.R.S.A 1 § 405 (6) (F) Confidential – ( General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement requests) and M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (A) Confidential – (Personnel Matter on behalf of Code Enforcement) Seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
- Motion by Mark Bradstreet to exit executive session at 7:25 pm seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
17. Decisions from Executive Session :
- a. Mark Bradstreet made a motion in the case of WP 25-16 to spend up to \$200.00 from the Jenny Lawrence Funds for cleanup.
18. Adjournment: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Second by: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Janine F. Laveway  
Board Secretary