

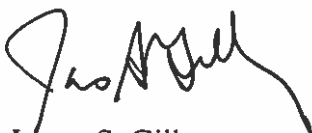
Select Board Meeting

August 19, 2025

1. Call to Order – 5:53pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Doug Norman, Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Doug Norman, Mark Bradstreet, Sandra Otis-Anderson, Steve Tanguay. Wes Norton was absent.
4. Announcements – The manager announced that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Main Street with MDOT and Senator Collins on August 26 at 10AM.
5. Acceptance of Minutes- Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the February 18, 2025 select board meeting, Second: Mark Bradstreet. Vote 4-0-0.
6. Acceptance of the agenda – Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the agenda with one eleventh-hour item to approve moving forward with a drainage easement on Norris Street. Second: Steve Tanguay. Vote 4-0-0
7. Public Comment – Rolf Olsen commented that he would like to see advanced notice of any Town Meeting sent by newsletter. If we become more proactive, we may get more people involved. Rebekka Freeman-Merrithew commented that she has an issue with the town manager. She accused him of illegal activity when buying a property in town from her step-son. The town is not allowed to sell foreclosed properties. The manager explained that he did not buy the property from the town and that the purchase was conducted through Attorney Jeremy Marden’s office and the paper trail will prove it was transacted legally and properly. She was asked to refrain from her accusations as it is a private matter and unfounded. She said that Maine Municipal told her that complaints about how the town conducts business have to come to the board. Her parting comments were that it was covered up. To this the manager told her that her facts are wrong and advised her to talk with Attorney Marden to find the truth. AJ Koch stood to announce that a member of the fire department was retiring after 42 years of service. Arthur Koch Sr will be done this year.
8. Old Business
 - a. Appoint Interim Clerk – The manager asked that Sarah Hopkins be appointed interim Clerk for the town. Motion by Mark Bradstreet seconded by Steve Tanguay to appoint Sarah Hopkins as interim Clerk. Vote 4-0-0.
 - b. Appoint Interim EMA Director – The manager asked that Brian Lunt be appointed interim EMA Director for the town. Motion by Mark Bradstreet seconded by Doug Norman to appoint Brian Lunt as interim EMA Director. Vote 4-0-0.
9. New Business
 - a. Quit Claim Deed for Map 5 Lot 38F – The manager explained that this lot had a tax lien in 2021 that entered into the status of foreclosure. The taxes have been paid and the lien has been discharged; however, since it crossed into foreclosure the owner now requires a quit claim deed from us in order to sell the property. Motion by Mark Bradstreet is issue a quit claim deed for Map 5 lot 38F. This motion was seconded by Doug Norman. Vote 4-0.
 - b. Pole Permit Request – CMP is requesting a pole permit from the town to place a new pole near the intersection of Black Road North and Dickey Hill Road. A motion was made by Doug Norman seconded by Mark Bradstreet to approve the pole permit. Vote 4-0-0.
10. 11th Hour – The manager explained that we have a easement document to improve stormwater runoff on Norris Street. This easement would be between the Town and Northeast Retirement LLC and would allow the town to install a culvert from Norris Street to the ditch across private property. A motion was made by Doug Norman to approve and authorize the town manager to sign the document on behalf of the town. This motion was seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote 4-0.
11. Correspondence
 - a. Notice of Intent to File with DEP From Daniel Nickles for a new seawall.
 - b. Information on Geothermal Energy. The manager is possibly applying for a grant.
 - c. Dividend check from Maine Municipal for workers Compensation.
 - d. Letter from Code Enforcement on new address at 81 Nickles Road.
 - e. Flier from RSU 20 announcing an open house on August 25.

- f. An Elevator service report for Union Hall. All systems functioning as they should.
 - g. A letter announcing the results of the Waldo County Budget Committee Votes
 - h. A programing change from Charter Communications
 - i. Letter from Code Enforcement on new address at 6 Sunset Lane.
 - j. A letter form Sprague energy informing us of their application to DEP for a renewal of their Stormwater License.
 - k. The MDOT sent along a new contract for the downtown rebuild modified with the two changes that were made during the project. The total cost of the contract is \$97,764.
12. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 4-0-0
13. Department Head's Reports – Motion by Steve Tanguay seconded by Doug Norman to accept the department head' reports as presented. Vote 4-0-0
14. Select Board Reports
- a. Mark Bradstreet commented that the downtown is impressive. The lighting and flowers really add to it.
 - b. Sandra Otis-Anderson reminded people that there are free vegetables at the Public Safety Building every Friday starting at 11:30am. There will be a school supply collection at the Bangor Savings parking lot on August 30. Tomorrow is Senior Drop in at the Community Building.
 - c. Steve Tanguay Encouraged people to find out about all the events that will take place in Searsport over the next seven weeks, there is a lot of good events to attend. He wanted to make sure we get the word out on the RSU 20 open house.
 - d. Doug Norman asked the manager for an update on getting the public meetings broadcast. The manager answered that he spoke to Town Hall Streams last week and they will be here in early September to set us up.
15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments – There was no additional comments
16. Executive Session – Mark Bradstreet motioned at 6:19pm that the select board exit regular session and enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. 1 / 405(6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty abatement requests) and with M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (A) – Confidential Records matters to discuss a personnel matter for a staff member requesting a sick pool withdraw. Motion was seconded by Steve Tanguay. Vote 4-0-0.
- At 6:35 pm Mark Bradstreet made a motion to exit executive session and return to the regular session. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote 4-0-0
18. Decisions from Executive Session: Motions: a. Mark Bradstreet motioned to approve WP-25-20 for up to \$200 for food and WP 25-21 for \$306 for rent with funds to come from the Jenny Lawrence Worth Poor Fund. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Mark seconded by Doug Norman to approve a request for three weeks of sick time to be withdrawn for an employee from the Sick Time Pool. Seconded by Sandra Otis Anderson. Vote 4-0 19. At 6:38 pm Steve Tanguay made a motion to adjourn. Second Doug Norman: Vote 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



James S. Gillway
Town Manager