

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

July 1, 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: James recapped the upcoming 4th of July Celebration
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 17, 2025 select board meeting as written. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-2 (Wes Norton and Steve Tanguay)
6. Acceptance of the agenda: James added one 11th hour item to the agenda. Mark made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional item added as 11th hour. Seconded by Sandra Vote: 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Authorization for Assistance with DEP Permit for Mosman Park: Wes made a motion to authorize the town manager to spend up to \$6,500.00 from the recreation reserve account to secure the NERPA permitting for the seawall replacement at Mosman Park. Seconded by Doug
Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. Police Hiring: Wes Norton made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police and Town Manager to institute a new hiring bonus for the purpose of hiring two new officers. The hiring bonus will be a total of \$15,000.00 over three years for each of those officers. Funds are to come from the balance of the reimbursement from the training from the town of Rockport. Motion seconded by Doug. Vote: 5-0-0
 - c. ACO Appointment: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to appoint Leslie McLaughlin as the Animal Control Officer, seconded by Steve. Vote: 5-0-0
9. New Business:
 - a. Planning Board Appointments: James presented Scott Giroux and James Guerette for nomination consideration for the two open alternate planning board positions. Doug would like them both to attend the next meeting. Wes made a motion to consider Scott Giroux and James Guerette as alternate members of the planning board, seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 5-0-0 Mark Bradstreet made a motion to table approval to the next select board meeting, seconded by Sandra Vote: 5-0-0
10. 11th Hour
 - a. Select Board Workshop: Date and time was set for July 15th at 4:30 pm
11. Correspondence:
 - a. A letter from PERC notifying the dispute over ownership of the Town of Searsport's contract with Eagle Point is ongoing with no resolution to date.
 - b. A letter from The Waldo County Commissioners notifying the town of the upcoming caucus on July 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm
 - c. A letter from PERC notifying the town that the bypass of incoming waste to Juniper Ridge Landfill continues.
 - d. A letter from the code office regarding a new address on Black Road South.

12. Treasurer's Warrant: Mark made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded by Sandra Vote : 5-0-0

13. Town Manager's Report: Sandra made a motion to accept the Town Manager's Report, seconded by Doug. Vote: 5-0-0

14. Select Board Report:

a. Mark talked about the Variety Show on Thursday July 3rd at 7:00, the Parade on the 4th at 11:00 and Fireworks in Mosman Park at 9:00.

b. Sandra talked about the rowboat races that will happen at Hamilton Wharf following the parade .

c. Steve encouraged everyone to get out and support local businesses. He inquired about the recent purchase of the rescue boat. James stated that police, fire and ambulance had their first training session. It is outfitted with all the proper safety equipment. An operational policy has been adopted. It includes all emergency services, the goal being that everyone will be properly trained before becoming a user of the boat. He asked if Gordon Construction was finished with the Route One project. James has not been told by MEDOT they are done. There continues to be questions and concerns regarding the work that remains undone.

d. Wes talked about the cruise port committee meeting. They met with Sarah from the Maine Office of Tourism. They will put together what the consideration of allowing cruise ships in town would look like. The goal is to have something in broad strokes presented on a warrant at a town meeting with the request that the committee be given approval to fine tune the details and not be bound to a legislative action that could only be edited and corrected at town meetings.

Mark requested that the committee work with HOBBA and other business folks in town.

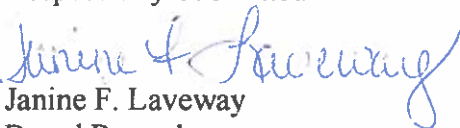
e. Doug talked about Fire Works. He wants people to understand there is an ordinance that defines how fireworks are used. He wants people to be safe and not be on property they don't own.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: A.J. Koch, Jr asked folks to be safe with fireworks over the 4th. He also thanked the Enhancement Committee for the planters at the Fire Stations and all the others around town.

16. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty abatement requests: No Executive Session was held.

17. Adjournment: Steve made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm seconded by Doug. Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

APPROVED: 7.15.2025