

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

July 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, Sandra Otis-Anderson and Wes Norton are all present. Steve Tanguay is excused.
4. Announcements: None
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 1, 2025 select board meeting as written. Second by Mark Vote : 4-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: James added 3 Eleventh Hour items to the agenda. Mark made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional 3 items added as 11th hour. Seconded by Sandra Vote: 4-0-0
7. Public Hearing on Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mark made a motion at 6:02 pm to exit regular session and enter into public hearing on the hazardous mitigation plan, seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0.
No public comment.
Mark made a motion at 6:04 pm to exit the public hearing and return to regular session, seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0
8. Decisions from Public Hearing: Mark made a motion to accept the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented, seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0
9. Public Comment: None
10. Old Business:
 - a. Planning Board Appointments: Two candidates, James Guerette who lives on Mortland Road and Scott Giroux who lives on Bogg Hill Road were nominated at the July 1, 2025 select board meeting for consideration of appointment. Motion; Wes made a motion to appoint Scott Giroux and James Guerette as alternate members to the planning board, seconded by Doug. Vote: 4-0-0
11. New Business:
 - a. RSU 20 Budget Election Warrant #2. Mark made a motion to accept the RSU 20 Budget Election warrant #2 for a vote on August 12th. The motion was seconded by Doug Vote: 4-0-0
 - b. Liquor License for Captain Nickles Inn: Mark made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Captain Nickles Inn, seconded by Doug Vote: 4-0-0
12. 11th Hour
 - a. Authorization For Road Repair : The request is for \$400,000.00 from the road reserve to tentatively pave Brock Road, Back Searsport Road, Black Road a couple intown roads that have been compromised with all the Route One Traffic. The State has not yet paved the bypass roads, therefore, Mortland Road, Old County Road and Union Street are not included in this request. Wes made a motion to authorize the town manager to expend up to \$400,000.00 from the road reserve account for the purpose of paving the Brock Road, Back Searsport Road, Black Road and any other roads he deems necessary and to also possibly

include the public parking lot across from Edward's Market. Motion was seconded by Doug
Vote: 4-0-0

- b. Official Ballot for the Waldo County Budget Committee: The only candidate is Brandy Bridges from the town of Prospect. We made a motion to elect Brandy Bridges from the town of Prospect to represent the Town of Searsport on the Waldo County Budget Committee. Seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0
- c. Authorization for additional funds to cover the repairs of the Information Center: Sandra made a motion to authorize the spending of up to \$2,000.00 from TIF funds for additional repairs to the information center. Seconded by Mark. Vote: 4-0-0

13. Correspondence:

- a. A letter from Sprague Energy notifying abutters of their waste water discharge renewal application.
- b. A letter to the Code Enforcement Office from Preti Flaherty's Municipal Law and Finance, notifying the town of recent legislation which places further Mandates on Residential Zoning.
- c. A copy of a one day permit issued to Maker's Guild of Maine
- d. A letter from Dirigo Safety who provides training for public safety
- e. Two letters from Charter Communications regarding program changes.
- f. Monthly reconciliation report for Ambulance Billing YTD
- g. Code Office notification of a new address at 81 Nickels Road

14. Treasurer's Warrant. Mark made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded by Doug. Vote: 4-0-0

15. Department Head Reports: Sandra made a motion to accept the reports as written, seconded by Doug. Vote: 4-0-0

16. Select Board Report:

Mark talked about how great the recent 4th of July festivities in town were and how many folks turned out. Sandra mentioned how pretty but the fast fireworks on the 4th were. There will be fresh vegetables available at the public safety building on Friday at noon from the county garden. Please bring your own bag. The Sr Drop in is tomorrow from 9:00 to 2:00.

We thanked the events committee for all their work on the 4th of July events.

Doug seconded all of the above comments.

17. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: Kim Yesis inquired about the ditching on Mt. Ephraim Road and asked how to get it done. James let her know it's a State Road and said he will forward her concerns to them. She shared her work with EMA and the training she is doing to set up emergency shelters. She invited representatives from the town to become familiar with their work.

18. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty abatement requests) Mark made a motion at 6:31 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). Seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0.

Mark made a motion at 6:45 pm to exit executive session and return to regular session, seconded by Sandra. Vote: 4-0-0

19. Decisions from Executive Session: Mark made the following motions:

PA25-01 to abate the real estate taxes for the tax years 2021, 2022 and 2023

PA 25-02 to abate the real estate taxes for tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023

PA 25-04 to abate the real estate taxes for the tax years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

Motion was seconded by Doug. Vote: 4-0-0

20. Adjournment: Sandra made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Second by: Doug
Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted


Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

Approved: August 5, 2025