

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

November 4, 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, Wes Norton all present.
4. Announcements: James reported that the polls for voting are will open until 8pm. He introduced Glen Lang. Glen is the newly hired patrol/detective for Searsport PD. He is a retired State Police Detective and he ran the cybercrime unit for Maine for over a decade. Glen spoke and thanked the board for the opportunity to get back into law enforcement. James then reminded people that there is a retirement celebration at the Searsport Community Building on Friday from 3pm to 5pm.
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes for the October 21, 2025 select board meeting as written. Second by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: James added four 11th hour items to the agenda: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional four items added as 11th hour. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: Joe Hupperich, community organizer, was there with several residents of Linney's Trailer Park. He has been working with them for several months to improve the conditions there. They have fear that the rents will be increased and he was asking about possible having a moratorium on rent increases voted on so that a rent control ordinance could be passed. After much conversation about the conditions and concerns it was agreed that Joe would develop an ordinance draft and bring it back to the Board in December and then seek signatures to place it on the annual town meeting warrant. Brenda J Ellis, a resident of the park, spoke about some dangerous trees. The Chair asked if our Code Enforcement Officer could take a look and assist anyway we can. The manager said yes. Harlan Mcglaulin asked for a status of the plastic complaint at GAC. The manager said that the last contact with them was a few weeks ago and that they are working with the Mid-Coast Council of Governments on a Brownfield Grant to remediate issues. Harlan suggested that an update section be added to the board agenda for all the issues that come up.
8. New Business
 - a. Steve Tanguay made a motion that we table the discussion on a planning and economic development position, seconded by Doug Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. The manager presented the board with ambulance collection write-offs. These billings are not able to be collected. We have reviewed the accounts and they have been billed three times. Motion by Wes Norton seconded by Sandra Otis=Anderson to write off the uncollectable ambulance billing as presented. Vote 5-0-0
9. 11th Hour:
 - a. The manager explained that we have ten generators for the town of Searsport. Nine of the generators run. Four are mounted on trailers and two are ground mounted for buildings. One generator is not running and we have an opportunity to trade that machine for a land rake with we need for the Mosman Park field. It requires the approval of the Selectboard to make this transaction. Motion by Wes Norton seconded by Make Bradstreet to authorize the manager to trade the generator for the land rake. Vote 5-0-0

b. Set up Workshop schedule for 2026 budget. The Selectboard agreed to have two workshops set for discussion of the budget. One will be on November 18th and the second on December 6th. Both workshops will start at 5:30pm ahead of the regular selectboard meeting.

c. The board discussed the condition of the gravel pit at the transfer station. Several residents shoot there and have left it a big mess. Motion by Wes Norton to have the manager clean up the area and move the gate from out behind the Transfer Station to its original location as you enter the area and to put up some signage about illegal dumping. Second was made by Doug Norman. Vote: 5-0-0

d. The board reviewed the 2026 Emergency Operations Plan have the past couple of weeks. Motion by Steve Tanguay seconded by Doug Norman to approve the plan as presented. Vote 5-0-0

10. Correspondence:

a. A letter announcing the increase to filing fees at the Waldo County Registry of Deeds.

b. Irving Oil terminals notice of intent to renew its Waste Discharge license.

c. Notification from PERC that we are still bypassing waste to the Juniper Land Fill.

d. Notification of increases and changes to insurance benefits for employees. And Changes to the Maine Paid Family & Medical Leave plans.

e. Notification From Code Enforcement of an Address change for 48a North Searsport Road.

11. 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

12. Town Manager's Report: Motion by Steve Tanguay seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson to accept the Town Manager's report as written. Vote 5-0-0.

13. Select Board Reports:

a. Doug Norman commented that the new sea captain's statute at the top end of Elm Street looks awesome.

b. Mark Bradstreet seconded Doug's comment and congratulated Karen Kelley on her efforts to see this happen.

c. Sandra Otis-Anderson commented that we should have a line installed to have lights on the state.

d. Steve Tanguay mentioned that it was a great turnout for the dedication and that they put a clip of it on social media and it has had over 75,000 thousand views from all over the world.

e. Wes Norton mentioned that he enjoyed the unveiling and thanked the poll workers who are helping with the election.

14. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: There was no additional comments for the meeting.

15. At 7:06 pm Mark Bradstreet motioned to enter 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) (D)


Confidential – (Labor Negotiations for Town Manager's Contract). Second by Sandra Otis Anderson. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Mark Bradstreet seconded by Sandra Otis Anderson to re-enter regular session at 7:15pm. Vote 5-0-0

16. Decisions from Executive Sessions: Motion by Mark Bradstreet seconded by Doug Norman to fund WP-25-28 up to \$200.00 for personal supplies and to fund WP-25-29 for up to \$1000.00 for repairs and heat. Vote 5-0-0.

17. Adjournment: Steve Tanguay made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm, seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



James S. Gillway
Town Manager