

SEARSPORT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2023
UNION HALL / TOWN OFFICE
6:00pm

Members Present

Dorothy Alling, Chair
Celine Kelley
George Kerper
Daniel Rich
Jennifer Rich

Norris Staples
Steve Bulloch
Harold Rusty Marr
John Moran
Robert Jeffrey Pearson

Staff Present

James Gillway, Manager
Janine Laveway, Secretary

1. Call To Order: 6:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Acceptance of the Agenda: Motion: John Moran made a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Second: Rusty Marr Vote 10-0-0
5. Acceptance of the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting: Motion: John Moran made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second: Norris Staples Vote: 10-0-0
6. Old Business:
 - a. Review of 2023 Warrant Article #16: George Kerper explained there is \$15.00 difference between what the Select Board has for a dollar amount and what the Budget Advisory Committee is recommending. Motion: John Moran made a motion to approve \$31,937.00 for the total expenditure for the out of house accounts. Second: Rusty Marr Vote 10-0-0
7. Other Business: Jennifer Rich questioned the details of the 50 year lease on the tennis courts and voiced her concern of the town spending \$10,000.00 to improve leased vs. owned land. James Gillway explained that the original tennis courts were built with Federal Money in 1977 on land that was leased by the Town of Searsport from what was then MSAD 56 and is now RSU 20. There is no language for the lease to continue after it expires in 2027. If the town wishes to remain a steward of the facility there will need to be negotiations for another lease term.
8. Public Comment: No public present
8. Adjourn Meeting: Motion: John Moran made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm Second: Celine Kelley Vote 10-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Janine F. Laveway
Secretary

APPROVED: By email 2/18/2023 Vote: 8-0-2