

## Select Board Meeting

January 3, 2023

1. Call to Order – 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mark Bradstreet, Vice Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Vice Chair Mark Bradstreet, Sandra Otis-Anderson, Steve Tanguay and Linda Payson present. Chair Doug Norman was absent.
4. Announcements – James Gillway introduced and welcomed the new fire chief, Antonio Rivera. He acknowledged and thanked the fire department members for attending the meeting.
5. Acceptance of Minutes- Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the December 20, 2022 select board meeting, Second: Linda Payson . Vote 4-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda – Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of one eleventh hour item and to rearrange the order of the new business items moving the fire department equipment request and ambulance budget items to a and b. Second: Sandra Otis- Anderson Vote 4-0-0
7. Public Hearing: Liquor License –Make Good Times LLC dba Hey Sailor Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to leave regular session and go into public hearing at 6:05 pm. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 4-0-0  
No Public Comment Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to end public hearing and reenter regular session at 6:07 pm. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 4-0-0
8. Decision from Public Hearing-Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Make Good Times LLC dba Hey Sailor. Second: Linda Payson Vote 4-0-0
9. Public Comment – Karl Bjorklund , Searsport Fire Fighter, read a letter from the members of the fire Department expressing their concerns over the recently filled captain’s position and requested a face to face meeting with the select board prior to their next regularly scheduled January 17, 2023 meeting. He provided copies of the letter to the town manager and select board members.
10. New Business
  - a. Fire Department Equipment Request from Reserve – Motion: Sandra Otis- Anderson made a motion to approve up to \$55,000.00 from the Fire Department’s Reserve Account to purchase replacement equipment. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0
  - b. Ambulance Budget 2023 – The request is to increase the pay for paramedics resulting in a \$125,468.00 change in the 2023 budget in order to move to a 1/3 paramedic covered ambulance service. There will be a public hearing to explain this increase to the public prior to the annual town meeting in March. Discussion only no vote.
  - c. Facade Grant Application – FA 23-01 - 34 East Main Street ( Maine Port Brewing) for replacement doors and windows. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the maximum award of \$5,000.00 on application FA 23-01 at 34 East Main Street. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 4-0-0
  - d. Part Time Librarian Resignation – Thalia Veizaga has resigned effective January 13, 2023. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to accept with regret Thalia’s resignation and to give the head librarian permission to advertise for a 25 hour part time librarian position. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
  - e. Workshop Schedule - To finalize the warrant for the 2023 Town Meeting. Workshop scheduled for January 24, 2023 at 4:00 with January 31<sup>st</sup> as a snow date.
11. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour
  - a. Special Town Meeting. Schedule a special town meeting to accept the Grant Loan from USDA Rural Development in the amount of 1.695 million dollars. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to hold a special town meeting on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
12. Correspondence
  - a. Letter from Senator Susan Collins regarding the status of Waldo County’s request for funding for upgrades to equipment and the 911 dispatch center.
13. Treasurer’s Warrant. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 4-0-0
14. Town Manager’s Report - Not Available
15. Select Board Reports
  - a. Linda Payson thanked the Fire Department for attending and expressed her wishes for a good new year and for everyone to get along.
  - b. Steve Tanguay had nothing to report

- c. Sandra Otis-Anderson thanked the Fire Department for attending. She also thanked everyone for all the help with the Holiday program for residents. She reminded folks about the Senior Drop-In at the community building on the third Wednesday of each month. January's will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Mark Bradstreet thanked the public works department for their help with the holiday decorations. He thanked the fire department for attending and expressed his wish for everyone to get along and to have a great new year.
16. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments –
- a. Jeremy Ward, Fire Fighter expressed his concerns about his recent attempts to contact the select board and only getting a response from Steve Tanguay regarding his concerns for his safety as a fire fighter. He provided his letter to the town manager and select board members.
  - b. Animal Control Officer A.J. Koch Jr. reminded folks that all 2022 dog licenses have now expired. There will be a \$25,00 late fee after February 1, 2023 and potentially a \$50.00 ordinance fine as well for any unregistered dogs.
17. Executive Session Linda Payson motioned 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 M.R.S.A. 1 / 405 (6) ( D ) Confidential (Labor Negotiations – Police) Motion was seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote 4-0-0  
At 7:01 pm Linda Payson made a motion to exit executive session and return to the regular session. Second: Steve Tanguay  
Vote 4-0-0
18. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the following to be paid out of the Jenny Lawrence Worthy Poor account:  
WP 22-28 100 gallons of heating fuel. WP 22-29 Up to \$300.00 for poverty abatement. WP 22-30 \$850.00 for housing. Second: Sandra Otis Anderson Vote 4-0-0  
Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to enter into a contract with police officer Michael Rollerson regarding a Maine State Retirement issue. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 4-0-0
19. At 7:03 pm Steve Tanguay made a motion to adjourn. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Janine F. Laveway  
Board Recorder

Approved January 17, 2023