

Select Board Meeting
July 6, 2023

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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, Linda Payson and Sandra Otis-Anderson are all present.
4. Announcements : None
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 20, 2023 select board meeting, Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of two eleventh hour item. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 5-0-0
7. Public Hearing – Liquor License (Five Tales Hospitality Co. dba: Captain Nickels Inn) Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to leave regular session and enter into a public hearing at 6:02 pm for consideration of the liquor license request from Five Tales Hospitality Co. dba: Captain Nickels Inn. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
After a brief discussion and update from James Gillway a motion was made by Mark Bradstreet to exit the public hearing at 6:03 pm and return to regular session. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0
8. Decisions from Public Hearing: Motion: Steve Tanguay motioned to approve the liquor license for the Captain Nickels Inn for 2023. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 5-0-0
9. Public Comment: None
10. Old Business:
 - a. Appointments to Cruise Port Committee: The following people are being recommended to serve on the committee: Linda Payson, representing the select board, James Gillway, town manager, Travis Otis, assistant harbor master, Dianne Smith representing the downtown area, Wesley Norton, Steamboat Avenue resident, Todd Jackson representing North Searsport. Serving as advisors to the committee are Wayne Hamilton, harbor master, Karen Smith PMM and Sara Flink from Cruise Maine. All meetings will be conducted by James Gillway and are open to the public. Motion: Mark Bradstreet motioned to accept the slate of appointees presented. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table this for the next meeting. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote : 5-0-0
9. New Business:
 - a. Health Insurance Options for Employees in 2024. James Gillway recommended expanding the options available to all employees during the open enrollment period in November. The town currently offers POS 200 only. Motion: Steve Tanguay made the motion to increase the options from one to three to include POS 200, POS 500 and PPO 1500. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
10. 11th Hour:
 - a. To accept a \$10,000.00 planning grant. The grant is available to the town to integrate the state’s affordable housing laws into the town’s land use ordinance. The grant will help pay for legal work and other expenses that will be incurred. Motion: Sandra-Otis Anderson made a motion to accept the grant. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. Karen Kelley representing the Searsport Historical Society. The society would like the town to agree to take over the assets of the society in the event of their dissolution. No action taken.
11. Correspondence:
 - a. Notification from the board of the Waldo County Commissioners regarding vacancies and/or expired terms. The caucus is set for July 20, 2023 at 11:30 am at 39B Spring Street in the Waldo County Commissioners Courtroom.
 - b. Charter Communications notification of increased offerings to include AMC+
12. Treasurer’s Warrant: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
16. Select Board Reports: Mark Bradstreet is thankful for the road work and congratulated everyone on the recent variety show and it’s success. Linda Payson hopes everyone had a safe and happy holiday. The next special events committee will be on July 13th at 6:00 pm. They are busy working on Fling into Fall and need more members to help. Sandra Otis-Anderson commended Steve Shea the rec director and his department for the parade and the wonderful activities that were held at Hamilton Wharf on the 4th of July. Steve Tanguay had no report. Doug Norman congratulated everyone on the fantastic parade and chicken BBQ. The cancellation of the fireworks was discussed with the possibility of rescheduling.

This years plan was to include a barge in the bay as the launch site and has added another level of coordination along with the current weather patterns.

18.Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments: None

19.Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement):: Mark Bradstreet made a motion at 6:32 pm to exit regular session and enter into executive session in accordance with M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement). Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0

Mark Bradstreet made a motion at 6:47 pm to exit executive session and return to regular session. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0

20. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made the following motions: To approve WP23-20 \$700.00 toward funeral expenses and WP23-21 \$700.00 towards septic system repairs.

Second: Doug Norman Vote 5-0-0

20.Adjournment: Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Janine F. Laveway
Board Secretary