

Select Board Meeting  
March 21, 2023

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, Sandra Otis-Anderson, Steve Tanguay and Linda Payson all present.
4. Announcements – None
5. Acceptance of Minutes- The minutes from the March 7, 2023 are not available. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to table the acceptance of the March 7, 2023 minutes until the next meeting. Second: Sandra Otis Anderson. Vote 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda – James will be adding 3 items to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional 11<sup>th</sup> hour items. Second: Doug Norman Vote 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business
  - a. Open Seat on School Board Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to appoint Sabrina Deturk to the open seat on the school board. Second: Steve Tanguay Motion to close nominations: Linda Payson Second: Doug Norman Vote 5-0-0. Vote on the nomination of Sabrina DeTurk 5-0-0
  - b. Food Wagon at Hamilton Wharf 2023 Bricks and Sticks and Stone Fox Creamery are both interested in having a spot. Two spaces will be offered on a conditional basis. James was given the authority to negotiate with both entities. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to table until the meeting on Tuesday March 28, 2023 Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0
  - c. Ambulance Enhancement Program: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the salary changes as requested ( Paramedics at \$28.00/hr, Advanced EMT at \$24.00/hr, Basic EMT at \$20.00/hr and drivers at \$17.00/hr). Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0
  - d. Purchase of Police Vehicle: Motion: Sandra Otis Anderson made a motion to authorize James to spend up to \$51,000.00 to purchase and equip the new vehicle and to place the old one out for bid. Second: Linda Payson. Vote 5-0-0.
9. New Business

a. Annual Appointments

James Gillway as road commissioner, sexton of the cemeteries, tax collector, treasurer, assistant general assistance administrator. Eric Glidden as town clerk, deputy tax collector, deputy treasurer and assistant general assistance administrator. Wendy Rogers as deputy clerk. Jody McConnell as general assistance administrator, Wayne Hamilton as harbor master. Travis Otis as assistant harbor master. David Walsh as health officer. Randy Hall as code enforcement officer, plumbing inspector and electrical inspector. Travis Otis as shellfish warden. AJ Koch, Jr animal control officer, Anne Biddle as assistant animal control officer. Paul Biddle as EMA director. Gayle McKeige as assistant EMA Director. Antonio Rivera as Fire Chief. Howard Clark as wastewater superintendent. RJD Assessing as the tax assessors under a contract at will and Brian Lunt as public safety director and police chief. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the yearly appointment as listed for the town of Searsport. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0

b. Boards and Commissions

Planning Board: Keith Ritchie for a 5 year term, Board of Assessment Review: George Kerper for a 3 year term. Board of Appeals: Steve Bulloch for a 3 year term. Affordable Housing: Doug Norman for a 3 year term. Historic Preservation Commission: Mary Brandt for a 3 year term and Sandy Cirrilo for a 3 year term. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to table the board and commission appointments for 2023. Second: Sandra Otis Anderson Vote 5-0-0

c. Committees:

Doug Norman affordable housing committee, Doug Norman mass communications committee. Cemetery committees: Bowditch Cemetery Sandra LaBonte and Norman LaBonte to 3 year terms. Jeff Brazier 3 year term to Merrithew Cemetery and Delores Merrithew and Lois Jackson to 3 year terms for Mt Hope Cemetery. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the reappointments as listed for the town of Searsport. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0

d. Undesignated Surplus Amount to use for 2023 Budget

At the annual town meeting the select board was authorized to set the amount to use from surplus at \$250,000.00. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to spend up to \$250,000.00 from surplus as needed to offset taxes. Second: Sandra Otis Anderson Vote: 5-0-0

e. Wastewater 2023 budget.

Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the waste water budget as presented. Second: Mark Bradstreet  
Vote 5-0-0

f. Police Firearms

Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to allow the police officers to purchase their old weapons at the fee set by the trade value of \$300.00. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0

g. Fire Department Standard Operation Guidelines SOG Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0

10. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour

a. New Code Enforcement Officer: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to authorize town manager to advertise and interview for a CEO replacing Randy Hall. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0

b. Garage Doors at the town garage: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to spend up to \$22,430.00 from the building reserve fund to purchase two new overhead doors at the town garage. Second: Sandra Otis Anderson  
Vote: 5-0-0

c. Library Window: Motion: Sandra Otis Anderson made a motion to spend up to \$800.00 from the building reserve fund to replace one window at the library. Second: Mark Bradstreet Vote: 4-1-0. Linda Payson opposed.

d. Workshop: April 13, 2023 4:00 pm

11. Correspondence

a. Randy Hall CEO reports a new 911 address at 93 Black Road South #2 and also 93 Black Road South #1

b. Dear River informing they are closing their branch in Northport. The Town of Searsport's account will be transferred to the Belfast Branch on the Airport road.

c. Newsletter from the Maine Parks and Recreation Submerged Lands. There is grant access availability and will be applied for.

12. Treasurers Warrant: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the treasures warrant pending select board signatures. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0

13. Department Head Reports: Library, Fire and EMA. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the department head reports as presented. Second: Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0

14. Select Board Reports: Mark Bradstreet extends congratulations for the Route One progress. Linda Payson is happy about the Route One project. Special events committee will be meeting on Monday April 3, 2023 at 6:00 in Union Hall. Sandra Otis Anderson made note of the beautiful weather. Steve Tanguay enjoyed having town meeting in Union Hall. He wants to revisit how developments are approved in town. Doug Norman questioned night work being part of the route one project.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments: None

16. Executive Session :

Mark Bradstreet 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) at 6:49 pm. Motion was seconded by Linda Payson. Vote 5-0-0.

At 6:53 Mark Bradstreet made a motion to end executive session and return to the regular session. Second: Linda Payson  
Vote 5-0-0

17. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to approve WP 23-07 in the amount of \$174.54 for the purchase of propane. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0

18. Adjourn: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Janine F. Laveway  
Board Secretary

APPROVED 4/4/2023