

Town of Searsport, Maine  
Select Board Meeting

June 18, 2024

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 and Wes Norton are all present.
4. Announcements: Brett Johnson from UMAINE Cooperative Extension gave a presentation about sustainable Agriculture in Waldo County.
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the minutes for the 2024 annual town meeting and the June 4, 2024 select board meeting as written, second by Steve Tanguay 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: James added four 11<sup>th</sup> hour items to the agenda: Mark made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional items added as 11<sup>th</sup> hour seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: Janet Flint notified the board of a sink hole on Union Street. She and Harlan McLaughlin both spoke in support of Mack Point over Sears Island for the location of the proposed Wind Port Facility.
8. Old Business:
  - a. Appointment of Interim Town Clerk: Doug nominated James Gillway to serve as the interim town clerk, seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson 5-0-0
  - b. Town Office Hours: James recommended that the schedule be changed from closed on Fridays to closed on Wednesdays beginning July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and to close the window (not the office) from 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch. Wes made the motion seconded by Mark Bradstreet to close on Wednesday beginning July 8<sup>th</sup> and close the window from 12:30 – 1:30 beginning immediately for lunch. 5-0-0
9. New Business:
  - a. Waldo County Budget Committee Election: Mark nominated Wes Norton to serve a one year term on the Waldo County Budget Committee, seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson 4-0-1 Wes abstained from voting.
  - b. Elevator Repairs. The elevator failed the recent inspection due to the deterioration of the bifold door. A new door costs \$2,000.00 with \$3,750.00 in labor to install it. Mark made a motion to spend up to \$5,750.00 from the building reserve fund to make the necessary repairs to the elevator in Union Hall, seconded by Steve Tanguay 5-0-0

11<sup>th</sup> Hour

- a. MDOT Meeting with Bruce Van Note and Matt Burns needs to be scheduled. James will try to schedule the public meeting the end of July or first of August.
- b. TIFF funding for a Cruise Ship Survey. Wes motioned to spend up to \$5,000.00 from TIFF funds to conduct a cruise ship survey, seconded by Mark Bradstreet 5-0-0
- c. Assistant ACO: ACO A.J. Koch is recommending an assistant ACO be appointed. This appointment will be placed on the July 2, 2024 agenda.
- d. General Obligation Note Allonge: Doug made a motion to amend the \$3,673,650 General Obligation Note dated July 5, 2023, and awarded to Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Augusta, Maine, by changing the maturity date to July 3, 2025, which is hereby adopted as

if fully stated herein and further to authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to execute said Allonge and all other documents necessary to complete said amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said General Obligation Note will remain the same.

Seconded by Mark 5-0-0

11. Correspondence: CEO provided two letters outlining enforcement actions that were recently sent to residents who have been found to have illegal junk yards on their property. Charter Communications notified the town of several programming changes. A letter from Maine DEP provided the DRAFT 2024 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report that will be filed with the EPA. The open public comment period will close on July 22, 2024.

12. Treasurer's Warrant: Mark made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board, seconded by Doug. 5-0-0

13. Town Manager's Report: James submitted his report into the record. He reported the primary election ran very smoothly and thanked Janine Laveway, Warden and Jill Riley, Interim Town Clerk for all their hard work putting together a program for success. The League of Women's Voters visited our site and praised us for several of the initiatives we started. Janine has put together a comprehensive training manual for election clerks, as well as materials for the new clerks to help train them on elections. Mark made a motion to accept the town reports as presented, seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson 5-0-0

14. Select Board Report: Mark commented on how nice the community center is looking. He also talked about his recent tour of Mack Point S and how interesting and well organized that event was. Sandra reminded everyone about the Senior Drop In tomorrow. Steve had no report. We thanked the Election Team for their work on the recent election. Doug had no report

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: Janine Laveway asked for an update on any planned paving of road this summer. James gave an overview of the planned work to be done. She also asked for an update on the status of the repairs to the retaining wall at Mosman Memorial Park that was destroyed in the winter storm. James is meeting with FEMA on Thursday and will update.

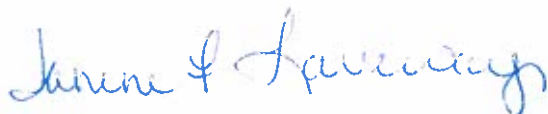
16. 16. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty abatement requests) Mark made a motion at 7:45 pm to leave regular session and enter into executive session under M.R.S.A 1 § 405 (6) (F) Confidential – ( General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement requests), seconded by Doug Norman 5-0-0

Mark made a motion to exit executive session at 8:10 pm and reenter regular session, seconded by Steve Tanguay 5-0-0

17. Decisions from Executive Session : Mark made a motion to approve the following cases from the Jenny Lawrence Funds: WP24-21 to approve up to \$150.00 for food and WP24-22 to approve up to \$800.00 for electricity, seconded by Doug Norman 5-0-0

18. Adjournment: Sandra made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm, seconded by Doug 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



Janine F. Laveway  
Board Recorder

Approved: 7/2/2024