

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

July 2, 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: James asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bob Bouchard who recently passed away. Bob was an operator at the waste water treatment plant for many years and a highly valued employee.
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Steve made a motion to accept the minutes for the May 18, 2024 select board meeting as written. Seconded by Mark Vote : 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: There are no 11th hour items to be added to the agenda: Sandra made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Vote: 5-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Appoint Town Clerk : James recommended Jenny Gulya be appointed the new full time town clerk. Sandra made a motion to appoint Jenny Gulya seconded by Steve. Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. Appoint Deputy Animal Control Officer: James recommended Brianna Uheree. Wes made a motion to appoint Brianna Uheree the new deputy animal control officer – seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
 - c. Authorization for funds for road paving 2024 from reserves: James recommends transferring \$450,000.00 from the road reserves. Mark made a motion to transfer \$450,000.00 from the road reserves to pave the following roads and parking lots: Back Searsport Road for shim and overlay, Brock Road for shim and overlay and some reclaimed, Bowen Road for reclaimed and overlay, Cains Pond Road for reclaimed and overlay, Partridge Road for reclaimed and overlay and paving in the new parking lot on Mortland Road, the parking lot on Goodell street and the public safety building parking lot. The motion was seconded by Sandra Vote: 5-0-0 Gordon Construction agreed to bring the Mortland Road parking lot up to grade for paving in lieu of using the site for storage of materials for the route one project. DOT has stated that they will pave Mortland Road, Back Searsport Road and we have a further request to go out Prospect Street, add Union and the lower part of Black Road South, Reservoir and Church. The recent culvert failure requiring replacement on Union street was brought to the DOT's attention as well as having been likely caused by the detour as well.
9. New Business:
 - a. Liquor License – Captain Nickels Inn Renewal. Mark Bradstreet made a motion to renew the liquor license for the Captain Nickels Inn seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. MMA Legislative Policy Committee Election: Wes made a motion to submit the ballot with a vote for James Kossuth seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0
 - c. Roadside Mowing Issues: The gentleman who has had the contract for roadside mowing has passed away. James is recommending looking into leasing a piece of equipment to begin doing the mowing in house. Sandra made a motion to table until the next meeting while pricing is obtained seconded by Mark Vote: 5-0-0
10. 11th Hour: None

11. Correspondence: Sarah Hopkins, finance director, included the rate changes for Maine PERS effective July 1, 2024. Charter Communications notification of upcoming changes. CEO presented three new address.

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


13. Town Manager's Report: Tabled without objection.

14. Select Board Report: Mark thanked Gordon construction for working well with the town and for suspending the detour for the holiday. Sandra wished everyone to be safe over the holidays and to attend all the festivities. Steve recently zoomed with Hanna Collins who is the deputy director of the office of tourism. The town might be a good candidate for a "once in a lifetime opportunity" grant that would help the town coordinate all of the websites, Facebook pages, social media etc. between the town, businesses and the community. This includes a you tube channel. He is proposing a partnership between the town, museum, HOBBA and potentially businesses at Mack Point. It is a Federal post Covid recovery grant. Wes thanked all the volunteers for the 4th of July activities and joined Steve's comments regarding the grant. Doug wished everyone a Happy Fourth.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comment: None

16. Adjournment: Steve made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 pm seconded by Doug Norman Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

APPROVED: 7.16.2024