

Town of Searsport, Maine  
Select Board Meeting

February 20, 2024

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Bradstreet Vice Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Mark Bradstreet Vice Chair, Steve Tanguay, Linda Payson were all present. Chair Doug Norman and Sandra Otis-Anderson were absent.
4. Announcements: None
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table approval of the minutes for the February 6, 2024, select board meeting until the March 5, 2024 meeting. Second by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to accept the agenda Seconded by Linda Payson  
Vote 3-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business:
  - a. Information Center Disposition: This item was tabled at the February 6, 2024 meeting and was passed over at this meeting to be addressed at the next workshop.
  - b. 2024 Budget Votes: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve \$2,315,820.12  
Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - c. 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review: Town Meeting has been moved to March 23, 2024 because the audit numbers are not yet available. Town Reports must be printed 3 days prior to town meeting and he needs more time to print them. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the warrant with the changes. Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - d. Waldo County School Safety Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to approve the Waldo County School Safety Mutual Aid Agreement and authorize the Public Safety Director to sign the agreement. Seconded by Linda Payson  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - e. Water District Appointment: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to appoint Bruce Mills to the Board of Directors for the Searsport Water District. Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
9. New Business:
  - a. Authorization for Legal Help for the Planning Board: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to authorize the town manager to hire an attorney to handle the matter of subdivision violations. Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - b. Tax Anticipation Note Award: See attached proposed vote. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to award the town tax anticipation note to The First National Bank as stated in the proposed vote and read into the record by the town manager. Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - c. Authorization for hiring part time employees: James Gillway presented three part time positions that are being recommended. Deputy Town Clerk, Seasonal Grounds and Audio Visual. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to authorize the town manager to hire 3 part time positions. Seconded by Linda Payson  
Vote: 3-0-0
  - d. Authorization for Phone RFP Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to authorize the town manager to seek RFP's as presented for the new phone system. Seconded by Steve Tanguay  
Vote: 3-0-0

- e. Set Workshop date and time: The next workshop date and time was set for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to address the disposition of the information center and the waste water rate study.

10. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour: None

11. Correspondence:

A letter from the auditors. A letter and proposal from the First National Bank regarding the tax anticipation note.

12. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote 3-0-0

13. Department Head Reports: Police, Library Fire Department and Ambulance Motion; Linda Payson made a motion to accept the department head reports. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

14. Select Board Reports: Linda Payson announced that she is happy with the way things are going and inquired about the possibility of an AM radio station being created to promote the town with signs posted on either end of town. Steve Tanguay said a QR code could be established as well. He stated that the next meeting of HOBBA will be held at 9:00 am at the Mermaid Plaza on Thursday

Mark Bradstreet repeated the next HOBBA meeting date and time.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments: None

16. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement) : Linda Payson made a motion at 6:50 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). Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote : 3-0-0

Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to exit executive session and return to regular session at 6:53 pm. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

17. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made the following motions:

WP24-06 To approve 100 gallons of heating fuel from the Jenny Lawrence Fund Seconded by Linda Payson Vote 3-0-0

18. Adjournment: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Second by: Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



Janine F. Laveway  
Board Recorder

APPROVED MARCH 5, 2024