

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

January 23, 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 and Sandra Otis-Anderson are all present. Chair Doug Norman is absent.
4. Announcements: None
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 2, 2024, Select Board meeting, Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: James will add two 11th hour items. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of two 11th hour items. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. New Business:
 - a. Information Center Disposition: Jim Rose, representing Mary Brann, the Secretary of the Historical Preservation Commission, read a prepared statement. Deanne Rogan from the Chocolate Shoppe spoke regarding moving the building to the PMM property. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table the item for the February 6, 2024, Select Board Meeting. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote to Table: 4-0-0
 - b. Town Report Dedications: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to honor four people by dedicating the 2024 Town Report. Rex Kelley, George Kerper, Roger Smith and Natalie Knox. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
 - c. Spirit of America Award: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to nominate Richard Desmaris. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
 - d. Date for Taxes and Interest 2024: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to set the due date for the 2024 real estate taxes at September 6, 2024 with interest accruing at 7% beginning October 11, 2024. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
 - e. Advertising in Down East Magazine: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to spend TIFF funds up to \$5,000.00 to create and place one full page in Down East Magazine. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0
 - f. Purchase of Cemetery Flags: Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to spend up to \$3,000.00 from the cemetery trust funds to purchase flags and markers from Searsport Flags. Seconded by Steve Tanguay. Vote: 4-0-0
9. 11th Hour:
 - a. Town Meeting Warrant Article: Bill Vail presented a petition to place the acceptance of Spruce Knoll and a portion of Trout Brook Lane on the warrant asking the Town to take over the road. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to place the article on the warrant for the Annual March Town Meeting. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0.
 - b. Repair or Replace Plow Truck: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to authorize the town manager to search for repairs/replacement for the Stewart and Stevens plow truck that has a blown engine and spend up to \$50,000.00 from the reserve account. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0
10. Correspondence:
 - a. Charter Communications notification of programming changes
 - b. Moore's Septic municipal contract for septage disposal notification.

- c. Searsport Solar LLC – Invoice for solar input.
- d. Efficiency Maine – notification of municipal retrofits for past participants.
- e. Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services – Unemployment Compensation

Fund Contribution Notification of a refund in the amount of \$94.00

11. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Second by Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0

12. Department Head reports were received from the Police, Fire, Ambulance and Library.

13. Select Board Reports: Linda Payson sends thoughts and prayers for Doug Norman's continued recovery. Sandra Otis-Anderson warns everyone of the ice and wishes them all to stay safe and warm. Steve Tanguay reported on the HOBBA meeting scheduled for Thursday morning January 25th at the Mermaid Plaza. Mark Bradstreet sends his best wishes and prayers for Doug Norman's continued recovery.

14. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments: None

15. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement): Linda Payson made a motion at 6:46pm 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 Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0

Linda Payson made a motion at 6:59pm to exit the executive session and return to the regular session. Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0

16. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Linda Payson made the following motions:

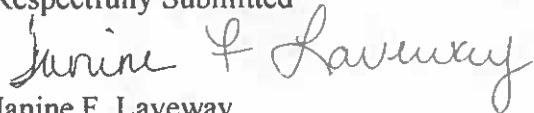
WP24-03: To approve \$80.00 for gasoline from the Jenny Lawrence Fund

WP24-04: To approve \$60.00 for gasoline from the Jenny Lawrence Fund

Seconded by Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0

17. Adjournment: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to adjourn at 7:01pm. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted



Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

APPROVED: 2/6/2024