

Select Board Meeting  
January 2, 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 December 19, 2024 select board meeting, Second: Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: There will be two 11<sup>th</sup> Hour agenda items added. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of two 11<sup>th</sup> hour items. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
  - a. Annual Town Meeting Refreshments: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the request from the Searsport Historical Society to sell chowder and baked goods at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0.
  - b. Set Workshop for Budget: There will be a workshop tomorrow night at 5:00 pm. Another date and time needs to be set. Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.
10. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour:
  - a. Maine Municipal Risk Management did an inspection of several buildings.

The Community Building has never been inspected. No smoke detector in the kitchen. There was one but someone took it down. James will find it and/or replace it. There are two GFI outlets that need to be replaced. That has been taken care of. The recommendation is to install a gas detector because of the use of propane in the kitchen. James will purchase a new exit light and have it installed this week.

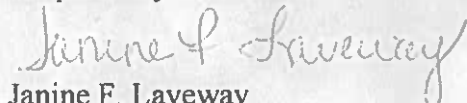
The Information Center was inspected and found to need new sills and a new roof. James can find a carpenter to inspect the building and give their opinion of the extent of repairs that can be done.

The Transfer Station was inspected and found to need a fuel/gas detector in the building. This will be investigated.

Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to table this discussion regarding the report from MMA. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
  - b. Appointment to the Budget Advisory Committee: James is recommending the appointment of Wes Norton to the Budget Advisory Committee. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to appoint Wes Norton to the BAC to fill one unexpired term. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote: 4-0-0.
11. Correspondence:
  - a. Letter from Penobscot Energy Recovery Company informing the town that it will remain on bypass for at least another month, they have ambitious plans which will require us to slow down with our recycling, they plan to install a digester, create gas and burn the fuel of the gas and then burn the garbage with the fuel they create.
  - b. Charter Communications notifying a new lineup change.
  - c. Sea Coast Security notifying us that they are outsourcing their monitoring system.

12. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
13. Town Manager's Report: Entered into the record
14. Select Board Reports: Linda Payson talked about the holiday luncheon that will be provided for all town employees tomorrow at 11:30. Sandra mentioned the snow and cold and hopes everyone will stay healthy. Steve talked about the recent damage to private property by the storm. The State is gathering data and encouraged everyone to dial 211 and report any damage they have. Mark mentioned the phone calls he has received from folks who are happy the detour is gone. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.
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): Mark Bradstreet made a motion at 6:32pm 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). Second: Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0  
Linda Payson made a motion at 6:37pm to exit executive session and return to regular session. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote: 4-0-0
17. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made the following motions:  
WP 24-01 Appropriate \$445.00 for lot rent assistance from the Jenny Lawrence Fund.  
WP 24-02 Appropriate the purchase of 200 gallons of heating fuel from the Jenny Lawrence Fund.  
Second: Linda Payson Vote: 4-0-0
18. Adjournment: Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm. 9 Second: Linda Payson. Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

  
Janine F. Laveway  
Board Recorder

APPROVED: January 23, 2024