

Machias Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
At Machias Tele-Business Center

Attending: Select Board Chairman Jake Patryn, Ben Edwards, Mike Hinerman, Carole Porcher, and Sandra Sinford; Town Manager Sarah Dedmon, Finance Director Nicholas MacDonald, Transfer Station Supervisor Nicole Albee; Budget Committee Members Ty Richards, Dean Petruzzi and Joshua Rolfe, Recording Secretary Sharon Mack, MVNO's Paul Sylvain; on Google Meets, Robert Berta.

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes -

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the 3/11/26 Select Board Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the 3/11/26 Select Board/Budget Committee Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the 3/19/26 Select Board/Budget Committee Meeting as presented.

Items to be approved/signed

1. Warrants - On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Mike Hinerman, the board **VOTED** to approve the warrants as listed:

Payroll 3/13/26 #109 - \$34,420.41, 3/16/26 #111 - \$48,699.69;
Accounts Payable 3/13/26 #110 - \$57,958.77, 3/16/26 #112 -
\$76,611.37;
School 3/20/26 #78584 Payroll - \$237,670.43, #78589 AP -
\$406,424.48

2. Ambulance Contracts: Board members signed the contracts for The town of Jonesboro and The Town of East Machias - no vote was taken as Sarah Dedmon explained they will need to be edited to remove any designations of priority by town.

New Business

1. Sewer Storage Tank Project Bond Process: Sarah Dedmon explained the \$1.66 million bond, a 20-year note at 2% interest, will require a special town meeting in the fall.

2. Renting 7 Court Street: Sarah Dedmon explained that Acadia Therapy, a speech and occupational therapy service with another office in Ellsworth, will be renting the former town office. She said the one-year lease at \$1400 a month will be for the entire first floor and they will begin moving on Friday. The board stated it was a great addition to the community but wanted the lease reviewed and security deposits assessed.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to approve the lease pending a review of all conditions.

3. 7th Grade Parks and Rec Presentation: Sarah Dedmon said the group of students was to present a project they undertook to map locations around town in need of benches and trash cans. They were unable to attend so will come at a later date.

4. Memorandum of Understanding: Sarah Dedmon explained that the town was entering a memorandum with the town of Roque Bluffs to accept their solid waste at the Machias Transfer Station. Town of Roque Bluffs has a private contractor for door-to-door pickup and the transfer station will bill Roque Bluffs based on 13 cents per pound. It is estimated they will deliver between 2,000 and 4,000 pounds per week, based on seasons. The service will start May 1, 2026 and should generate an additional \$10,000 in revenue. Sarah Dedmon said Town of Roque Bluffs has been a great collaborator and discussions about expanding partnerships for financial services and police are underway.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to accept municipal solid waste at the Machias Transfer Station from the Town of Roque Bluffs.

Old Business: None

Town Managers Report: None

Adjourn: On a motion by Mike Hinerman, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.