

Machias Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
At Machias Tele-Business Center

Attending: Select Board; Jake Patryn, Mike Hinerman, Carole Porcher, Ben Edwards, Sandra Sinford; Town Manager Sarah Dedmon, CFO Nicholas MacDonald, Town Clerk Sandra Clifton, MVNO's Paul Sylvain, Recording Secretary Sharon Mack.

The meeting was called to order by Jake Patryn at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Mike Hinerman, the board **VOTED** to accept the minutes, as presented, from April 8, 2026.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to accept the minutes, as presented, from April 16, 2026.

The board did not adopt the minutes of a Budget Committee/Select Board meeting held April 8, 2026, and will bring forward an amended version at the May 5, 2026 meeting.

WARRANTS:

On a motion by Edwards, second by Sinford, the board **VOTED** to approve warrant #121 in Accounts Payable for \$364,033.28.

Signatures:

1. Special Amusement Permit – The Anchor

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to approve a special amusement permit for The Anchor.

2. Fire Protection Agreement -

On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Mike Hinerman, the board **VOTED** to approve a Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Whitneyville at \$11,000 per year including a fee schedule for use of special equipment and an hourly rate for firefighters,

New Business:

1. Foreclosure Updates

Sandra Clifton reported that two mobile home tax bills, at \$155 and \$623, remain unpaid. The board agreed to wait until just before the deadline to determine if foreclosure action will be taken.

2. Spirit of America Award -

Sarah Dedmon nominated Valdine Atwood for the state's Spirit of America Award, citing more than 60 years of dedication and community service, particularly in promoting Washington County history and noted a presentation ceremony could be held at the annual town meeting. On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to present Valdine Atwood as the Spirit of America Awardee for Machias.

3. Town Meeting Date -

The board agreed to move the town meeting date forward by two weeks to give more time to review the budget carefully. Elections will still be held and the school referendum vote will take place on May 26. Annual Report books will be printed in time. On a motion by Ben Edwards, second by Carole Porcher, the board **VOTED** to hold the annual town meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

Other:

1. Jake Patryn said once the budget process is completed he will bring a new Harbor Ordinance before the board. He said he was also working with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife personnel to discuss solutions and options for managing the deer overpopulation program. A plan eventually will be brought to Machias residents for approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Sarah Dedmon said she has scheduled 9 Kitchen Concerts from June 18 to August 13, 2026.

2. Sarah Dedmon reported she has met with Sunrise County Economic Council regarding a grant for land acquisition for a new municipal office complex. The land is proposed to be acquired on US Rt 1 from a local solar farm operator.

On a motion by Edwards, second by Hinerman, the board **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.