



Town of Machias
Town Office
7 Court Street, Suite #1
P. O. Box 418
Machias, ME 04654



Machias Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
At Machias Tele-Business Center

Call to Order: Jacob Patryn, Chairperson

Adoption of Minutes - To review and adopt the minutes from Select Board Minutes January 8, 2025

Items to be signed

1. Warrants
2. Ambulance Contract – Machiasport

New Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Update
2. Washington County Sherrif's letter
3. Bid Opening – Survey Grove St Recreation
4. Sewer Abatement – 138 Court Street
5. Budget Committee
6. Harbor Master
7. Concert Series
8. Police Dept Union Negotiations
9. Ambulance – New Hire Update
10. Ambulance – Contract Rates

Old Business

1. Tax Abatement – 146 Kennebec Rd
2. 7 Court Street Update

Other Business

Executive Session to be held in accordance with Title 1 Chapter 13 MRSA §405 Paragraph 6A

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Select Board Meeting 02/12/2025

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Washington County Sheriff's Office

Barry Curtis
Sheriff

Michael Crabtree
Chief Deputy

Richard Rolfe
Jail Administrator

Paula Johnson-Rolfe
Office Manager



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Dear Chief Mercier,

It is with some level of reluctance that I am sending this to you. Over the past decade, we at the Sheriff's Office have worked very hard to help fill in gaps in your Police Departments schedule as we have all faced challenges with filling rosters and budget issues over that time period. Due to circumstances beyond my control, we will no longer be able to provide the same level of assistance as in the past.

Starting in February 2025 we will no longer be able to handle calls in your area unless it is a matter of Public Safety or a Felony level crime in progress. Less urgent complaints such as late reports or not ongoing, crimes or crashes, thefts, harassments, assaults, criminal mischiefs etc., will need to be handled by your agency. In these circumstances complainants will be advised by the Sgt. on shift to contact your agency when an officer returns to work. It will be critical for the RCC to be kept apprize of schedule and schedule changes. If we are needed to help with absences of your personnel, vacations, trainings or unexpected situations we will do what we can to help bridge the gaps.

As always, our commitment to assist your agency with investigative needs or as backup to officers will stay the same. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions as I am more than willing to discuss the matter.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Barry Curtis

Debra Carter <debrajean1970@gmail.com>

1/14/2025 6:20 PM

Wendell White's Sewer/Water Bills

To townclerk@machiasme.org

Dear Selectboard Members,

My name is Debra Carter. I am the daughter of Wendell L. White. My Dad has been a resident at 138 Court Street in Machias for many years. On May 30 of this past year, he lost his wife(my Mom) Karen White and now resides by himself. On December 16 he was transported by ambulance to DECH and then transferred to Northern Light in Bangor where he spent the next 16 days. He has since been transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Bangor with no date determined yet to return to his home. I am now in charge of tending to all things relating to my Dad. Unfortunately, I do not live locally and am unable to check on the house daily. On December 27, Jesse from the Machias Water Company, called me with concerns about Dad's high water usage at his house. He was able to go to the house, with my permission, and determine that a faulty toilet was the cause of the high water usage. He was able to shut the water valve off until I could get there to have it fixed. It has since been fixed. Unfortunately, this had led to very high water and sewer bills that I was not expecting at all. The sewer bill was \$702.32 and the water bill was \$226.84. Never in the history of my parents living there has this ever happened. I am in hopes that due to the current situation of my Dad being in the rehabilitation facility that it may be possible for the town to consider a reduction in these bills. This would be greatly appreciated. I am doing my best to take care of things but being several hours away it has been challenging. It has been a rather stressful time for my family. I do appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

Debra J. Carter
(207)841-3353

Meter Detail

Account: 393 Type Code: Map Lot: RE Account 0
 Tenant: WHITE, WENDELL L
 Owner: WHITE, WENDELL L
 Location: 138 COURT STREET

Book / Seq: 3/248 Serial Number:
 Meter Size: 1 Remote Number:
 Meter Digits: 5 Avg Consumption: 1064
 Frequency: 1 Combined: No
 Service: S Multiplier: 1
 Rate Code: W - 0 S - 1 Replacement: No

Water Sewer
 Taxable Percentage: 0% 0%
 Billable Percentage: 100% 100%

Date	Status	Reading	Actual Cons	Billed Cons	Regular	Misc	Tax	Adjust	Amount
01/14/2025	B S	169300	6800	6800	628.32	74.00	0.00	0.00	702.32
10/16/2024	B S	162500	700	700	92.40	18.50	0.00	0.00	110.90
07/12/2024	B S	161800	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
04/18/2024	B S	160800	1100	1100	84.70	18.50	0.00	0.00	103.20
01/10/2024	B S	159700	1100	1100	84.70	18.50	0.00	0.00	103.20
11/22/2023	B S	158600	1200	1200	92.40	18.50	0.00	0.00	110.90
07/24/2023	B S	157400	1100	1100	84.70	18.50	0.00	0.00	103.20
04/13/2023	B S	156300	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
01/20/2023	B S	155300	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
10/26/2022	B S	154300	1200	1200	92.40	18.50	0.00	0.00	110.90
07/21/2022	B S	153100	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
04/06/2022	B S	152100	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
01/12/2022	B S	151100	1100	1100	84.70	18.50	0.00	0.00	103.20
10/15/2021	B S	150000	1600	1600	123.20	18.50	0.00	0.00	141.70
07/22/2021	B S	148400	1200	1200	92.40	18.50	0.00	0.00	110.90
04/16/2021	B S	147200	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
01/19/2021	B S	146200	800	800	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
10/19/2020	B S	145400	1400	1400	107.80	18.50	0.00	0.00	126.30
07/17/2020	B S	144000	1300	1300	100.10	18.50	0.00	0.00	118.60
04/08/2020	B S	142700	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
01/13/2020	B S	141700	1000	1000	77.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	95.50
10/11/2019	B S	140700	1300	1300	100.10	18.50	0.00	0.00	118.60
07/13/2019	B S	139400	1200	1200	92.40	18.50	0.00	0.00	110.90



Machias Ambulance Service

25 McDonald Drive, Machias, ME 04654
207-255-1032 EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

December 3, 2024

Dear Machiasport Selectboard,

Attached, please find the Annual Contract with Machias Ambulance Service for the calendar year of 2025. The 2025 contract rate will remain the same as 2024, which is \$50/capita, based on the population for the Town of Machiasport as per the US Census.

Machias Ambulance Service has worked hard to maintain an affordable contract rate with our partner municipalities, however with continually increasing labor costs, an aging fleet requiring vehicle replacements, increasing fuel costs, medical supply costs, etc, we will be forced to increase our contract rate in the 2026 Contract. Currently, we do not have a finalized rate, but in order to afford you as much time as possible, and a full budget cycle, we plan to get the rate schedule as soon as possible. We are diligently working to analyze our budget, and collect as much financial data as possible, so we can make an informed decision for this rate to keep it as low as possible, while also being able to financially sustain our exceptional EMS Services to our communities.

It is important to note, Machias Ambulance Service's contract rate still remains significantly below other Ambulance Services in our area. Some agencies are as high as \$110/capita these days, and it is uncommon to find one under \$80/capita. We remain committed to providing the most exceptional service possible, while working to be conservative with spending of taxpayer dollars. Machias Ambulance Service Senior Leadership would like to express our willingness to attend a Selectboard Meeting, or your Annual Town Meeting to answer questions regarding the need for this increase. We would also like to extend our gratitude for the continued partnership, and allowing us the honor to serve your community.

Respectfully,

Ryan J. Maker, NRP, A.A.S., I/C
Chief, Machias Ambulance Service



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25 McDonald Drive, Machias, ME 04654

207-255-1032 EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

To:
Machias Selectboard

From:
Ryan Maker
Chief, Machias Ambulance

Subject: New Hire - Bradley Morris

Date: January 16, 2025

Greetings Selectboard,

As we continue to grow as an EMS Service, the need is prevalent to increase our workforce and roster number in order to keep up with the demands of the job and to keep vehicles staffed to accomplish our mission. Recently, we have received an application for the position of Full Time Paramedic from Mr. Bradley Morris. After reviewing his application, resume, and interviewing him, I recommend that we hire Mr. Morris for the vacant position of Full Time Paramedic at Machias Ambulance Service. Mr. Morris is an experienced Paramedic who has been in the EMS field for 20 years. We are thankful that Mr. Morris is willing to join our team. Based on his significant experience in EMS as a Paramedic, and after negotiation with him, I am requesting that we bring Mr. Morris on with a starting pay of \$27.00/hr, with all employment benefits outlined in the Ambulance Personnel Policy. I am also requesting that we provide Mr. Morris with our advertised Sign-On Bonus of \$10,000.00, with the first \$5,000.00 to be paid after 30 days of employment, and the second \$5,000.00 to be paid after the completion of the six-month probationary period. Mr. Morris has agreed that, if appointed, he will sign-on with Machias Ambulance Service for a term of 2 years in a Full-Time capacity. Thank you for your service and your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Ryan J. Maker, NRP, A.A.S., I/C
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Discharge of Responsibility for Debt Collection

COUNTY OF: WASHINGTON, s.s.

STATE OF MAINE

To: Sandra N. Clifton Tax Collector of the Municipality of Machias located within this County:

We hereby certify that the **2023** taxes committed to you for the property referenced as Tax Map **005** and Lot **007-T2** in the amount of **\$183.87** are determined to be an uncollectible debt and the Tax Collector is hereby released from any obligation to collect said taxes, interest, and/or fees associated with said debt.

Given under our hands the _____ day of January 22, 2025

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF MACHIAS

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We hereby certify that the **2024** taxes committed to you for the property referenced as Tax Map **005** and Lot **007-T2** in the amount of **\$207.90** are determined to be an uncollectible debt and the Tax Collector is hereby released from any obligation to collect said taxes, interest, and/or fees associated with said debt.

Given under our hands the _____ day of January 22, 2025

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF MACHIAS

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