

TOWN OF MACHIAS
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2024

Chairman Jake Patryn called to order a meeting of the Machias Select Board at 6 PM. Also in attendance were Select Board members Sandra Sinford, Carole Porcher, and Ben Edwards; and Public Works Director Michael Schoppee.

1. DUMP TRUCK BID

Public Works Director Mike Schoppee told the Board that he recommends accepting a bid for a Ford F350 truck as proposed by Darling's Auto.

Mr. Schoppee said the voters this year approved a \$530,000 loan package to purchase vehicles for the Town, which will cover the cost of a previously approved truck at \$219,628, and will also eventually include the purchase of a used excavator and trailer, and if possible, a used plow truck.

The 6-wheel F350 bid came in at \$70,447 and the truck is immediately available for purchase.

On a motion by Ben Edwards and seconded by Carole Porcher, the Board
VOTED:

To award the truck bid for a 2024 Ford F350 to be used by public works to Darlings for \$70,447.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed to sign a corporate resolution allowing the Town to have five signers on its bank accounts: Chairman Jake Patryn, Vice Chairman Ben Edwards, Interim Town Manager Christina Therrien, Interim Operations Manager Sarah Craighead Dedmon, and Finance Director Meghan Dennison.

On a motion by Carole Porcher and seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To approve the corporate resolution and authorize bank signers as proposed.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Sandra Sinford and seconded by Ben Edwards, the Board voted to enter executive session at 6:28 PM under Title 36 § 841.

On a motion by Ben Edwards and seconded by Sandra Sinford, at 6:47 PM the Board voted to exit into executive session.

Chairman Patryn said that on a motion by Ben Edwards and seconded by Carole Porcher the Board VOTED:

To extend a payment plan to a resident requesting tax abatement, at a rate of \$150 per month, and agreed that as long as the payment plan remains in good standing, the Town will not foreclose on the property.

The Board strongly recommends that this individual applies for a state tax deferral program, applications will be provided, and offered assistance in filling out those applications if needed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ben Edwards and seconded by Carole Porcher, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:51 PM.