

Town of Sebec
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Walter Emmons, Eric Weidman, Sara Torbett, Mike Harris and Gail Januskiewicz.

Guests: Dave Sickles

Public Comment:

- Complaint on the road grading on Sands Rd. and Ladd Rd.

Fire Chief – Mike Harris

- SCBA Training trailer is here. It is a confidence training maze – they train in full gear.
- Seasmont fire – we almost went. Mike sent 2 guys down Saturday morning to help. Some towns lost trucks. They are selling t-shirts for donations and we would like to get them for all of our guys. Select Board - okay.
- Purchased two chairs for the new fire station conference room.
- A banner was donated for the building site.
- The phone system in 322 needs to be repaired – someone is coming fit it.
- The Canoe race went well. 24 boats with 29 participants. The jet ski worked well.
- There are 4 new members.
- Sara – Fire Station address is 186 Sebec Village Road.

Review of the May 4, 2026 meeting minutes.

*******Eric motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Walt 2nd. Motion passed.***

Tax Collector/Treasurer – Gail Januskiewicz

- 4 Bids for the Fire Station mortgage or General Obligation Bond for the Fire Station project. Lowest is Androscoggin at 5.09% for 5 years. They suggested we get a lawyer as counsel for the loan, Gail suggested Gerald Nessmann. There will be no appraisal needed and there is no recapture fee. Reviewed the August 11, 2025 Town Meeting motion for the Fire Station build project. Motion said, “Not to exceed a total build cost of \$800,000.” We do have donations totaling \$23,259.35, which is over our designated town funds. We should start the loan process, as it could take a few months. Possibly send out another fundraising postcard or email/newsletter about the progress of the FS. Review of the upcoming budget and the potential payments for the new bond.
- Discussion on a Special Town Meeting, possibly June 15th at 6:30PM. We have at least two articles: Fire Station build project and Foreclosed properties for sale.
- Reviewed and signed AP Warrants.

Town Clerk – Sara Torbett

- Upcoming Election on June 9th – Election Clerks

Select Board Discussion:

- Village Cemetery is running out of room.

- Reviewed the different mortgage rates. Asked Gail if she could inquire about Androscoggin matching Machias Bank's 7-year rate of 5.33%. She will ask. Both Eric and Walt mentioned that a 7-year loan would make the payment less but still have the option of paying it off earlier. With all the current tax increases of the School, County, and the revaluation of the Town, it would help. They will fill Wayne in on the discussion and get his input.

**** *Walt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Eric 2nd. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned 7:45PM

Submitted By: SBT