



**Minutes for Selectmen Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 @ 6:00 PM  
Southwest Harbor Town Office

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order by Ralph Dunbar, Chairman at 6:01 PM. Present were Chairman Dunbar, George Jellison, Tom Benson, David Mincton and Town Manager Don Lagrange. Dan Norwood was excused.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda  
Lydia Goetze questioned the lack of a quorum for the Warrant Committee and suggested the Selectmen take a more active role in finding members. Chairman Dunbar stated notices have been posted all year advertising for volunteers and the Selectmen should not seek members as that may cause a conflict with the purpose of the committee. Susi Homer stated that she and Eric Novella had volunteered for the Warrant Committee which would have provided five members to make a quorum.
- III. Tom Benson moved to accept the minutes of March 11, 2014 as written. It was seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor, 4/0/0. David Minctons moved to accept the minutes of March 12, 2014 as written and was seconded by Tom Benson, voted in favor 4/0/0.
- IV. Manager's Report
  - ~ Report on the condition of the former sewer pickup truck needing ball joints and replace electrical system. Kelly book value is \$10,500 and Selectmen agreed minimum bid acceptance is \$6,000.
  - ~ Olver Engineers have been informed not to accept calls from the general public which would increase engineering fees to the Town.
  - ~ There is an elected officials work shop in Orono if anyone is interested. Chairman Dunbar suggested any one who wanted to attend to schedule with Manager.
  - ~ Boundary line agreement between the Madeira's and the Town is now complete and recorded.
  - ~ Tremont did not accept proposal for police protection even though it was less expensive than current proposal with Sheriff and provided a DARE program for the school, which the Sheriff does not, as well as additional emergency coverage.
  - ~ EMR contract discussions have been moved to the next agenda
- V. Old Business  
The Manager announced start of construction to be delayed one week until April 7 due to current weather conditions. Also, indicated on the posted plans at what stations certain events would take place. It is anticipated, according to the

construction schedule that the water services would be completed by the fourth week in May between Wesley and Village Green and by the third week in May between Herrick Road and the Village Green. A concern was the road base between Wesley and Herrick and Chairman Dunbar requested more information concerning this matter. It was also discussed the contract requires all binder and trenches to go through a freeze/thaw cycle which means any trench work or binder placed in 2015 will not be paved until 2016. It was also stated the asphalt between Wesley and Herrick will be milled and remain until spring of 2015 for finish paving. The major road reconstruction with new base will be between Herrick Road and Seal Cove Road.

Tom Benson suggested the area between the school horseshoe on Main Street be constructed two feet wider. Chairman Dunbar suggested removing the parking space. Chief Chapais agreed with removing the parking space due to the congestive nature of the area.

VI. New Business:

a. School Budget (Discussion)

The School Board was unable to attend meeting but will be at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Manager stated it would put a bind for such a late decision relative to printing town reports but it will be done. Questions to be sent to school prior to the meeting include the pension shortfall being absorbed by the town, the potential for future pension shortfalls, and the insurance increase at 10%, stipends relative to mutual extra curricular activities with Tremont and overall stipends.

b. Budget Articles Approval

The school articles 4 – 19 will be discussed at the April 8 meeting. The remaining articles can be reviewed and approved. A discussion whether to include Article 2 hinged on relevance since it does not include any numbers but the Board decided to continue as written.

A motion by George Jellison to accept Articles 1-3 as written on the warrant for the May 5<sup>th</sup> Town meeting, seconded by Tom Benson. Voted in favor, 4/0/0.

A motion was made by George Jellison to accept Articles 20-45 as written to be placed on the warrant for the May 5<sup>th</sup> Town meeting, seconded by Tom Benson. Voted 4/0/0.

A motion by George Jellison to accept Articles 46-52 as written exception to amend Article 50 to increase the sum of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to allow the Selectmen to dispose of Town personal property. It was seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

c. May Town Meeting Schedule & Time (discussion)

After a discussion, the Board of Selectmen agreed to keep the 7PM schedule for the May 5<sup>th</sup> town meeting. Dave Chapais will check with school regarding their choir, otherwise an information meeting can begin at 6:30 PM. The Selectmen also agreed to keep the voting hours on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

d. Lindenwood Liquor Application

A motion was made by George Jellison to approve the liquor application of Lindenwood. It was seconded by Dave Minctons and voted in favor, 4/0/0.

e. Beal's Lobster Pier Liquor Application

After meeting with Beal's Manager John Wight, a motion was made by George Jellison to approve the liquor license application of Beal's Lobster Pier. It was seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor, 4/0/0.

f. Annual Town Report (discussion)

A draft copy of the Town report was included in packet. Chairman Dunbar recommended review for the next meeting.

VII. Other Business Sign Ordinance and Vendor Licensing

Lagrange stated the sign ordinance is ambiguous and the Board recommended the Planning Board to review. Also, whether to have a vendors license or permit should also be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Also, under other business, Chief Chapais summarized the security door project at the school and the front doors should be installed during the April vacation. Cameras may be installed at a later date.

Chairman Dunbar question the proper spelling of Gook's or Goog's pond in the Manager letter to the town report. George Jellison suggested he could find the answer.

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

A motion was made by Tom Benson to accept and sign the warrants as listed below. It was seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor, 4/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, **FY13-14:** 129, 132, 133, 135

Sewer **FY13-14:** 134

Water **FY2014:** 6

School **FY13-14:** 130, 131

IX. Next Meeting Date:

April 8, 2014 @6:00 PM, Town Office

X Executive Session, 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (d) Union Contract

Executive Session, 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (e) Legal Discussion

A motion to go into executive session was made by Tom Benson at 7:34 PM and seconded by David Mincton. It was voted in favor 4/0/0. However, Chief Chapais asked if the executive session for Legal Discussion could be heard first and the Board agreed by a motion from Tom Benson to adjourn Union Contract in favor of Legal Discussion. It was seconded by David Mincton and voted in favor 4/0/0.

A motion was made by Tom Benson to go into Executive Session, under 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (e) Legal Discussion at 7:36PM.

A motion was made by George Jellison to adjourn at 7:55PM. It was seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

A motion was made by George Jellison to enter into Executive Session, under 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (d) Union Contract at 7:55PM and seconded by Tom Benson. It was voted in favor 4/0/0.

A motion was made by Tom Benson at 8:10 PM to adjourn was seconded by David Minctons. Voted in favor, 4/0/0.

XI. Adjourn Selectmen Meeting

A motion was made by David Mincton to adjourn the selectmen meeting at 8:12 PM. It was seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.