

**SPECIAL
Selectmen Meeting**
Tuesday, January 7, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
Southwest Harbor Fire Station
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Chairman Ralph Dunbar, Jr., Tom Benson, George Jellison, Dan Norwood, David Minton and Town Manager Donald Lagrange.

- II. The Chairman requested to amend the agenda and allow the auditors to make their presentation as this time rather than after a public discussion concerning Main Street construction. A motion was made by Tom Benson to amend the agenda allowing the auditors to make their presentation. It was seconded by Dave Minton and Voted in favor, 5/0/0. The Auditors summarized the FY 12-13 financial condition for the Town of Southwest Harbor and commented the Town to be in excellent financial condition with a surplus of 29% and a healthy reserve balance.

- III. The Chairman requested to amend the agenda to allow Visitors to be heard regarding the construction scheduling of the Main Street project. A motion was made by Dan Norwood to amend the agenda allowing the discussion of the Main Street project and was seconded by Dave Minton. It was voted on 5/0/0. Approximately 61 guests in attendance assembled to object to any construction activities during the months of July and August. Annaleis Hafford of Olver Engineering was present to provide the facts leading up to the contract approval. Some members of the public argued an April proposal did not allow summer construction. However, subsequent discussions to this proposal eliminated construction in the village area during the summer with activities to continue elsewhere. A petition in excess of 450 signatures was presented, however the signatures were not verified as Southwest Harbor voters. It was stated there may be a penalty close to \$500,000 for changing the contract and construction schedule.

- IV. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Norwood to accept the minutes of December 17, 2013 as written; second by Tom Benson. Voted 5/0/0. A motion was made by George Jellison to accept the minutes of December 23, 2013 as written; second by Tom Benson. Voted 5/0/0.

- V. Manager's Report
~The Manager had a meeting with Representative Hubbell to discuss DOT contributions to the construction of State roads. More flexibility should be allowed if towns are paying for the bulk of construction.
~It was previously mentioned Town counsel would be placing a lien on the 55' scallop boat hauled out of the harbor recently, however the Manager then told the Selectmen he cancelled the order due to legal costs that would outweigh any collection amounts. The town continues to have a mooring for collateral that is guided by the ordinance for collection of funds.

- ~The paving proposal was submitted to verify the warrant payment from a previous meeting.
- ~There were three water main breaks in the past week, one at Wood Street and Main and two at the end of Clark Point Road. Costs exceeded \$9000 for the repairs.
- ~The diesel fuel tank jelled during the recent freeze event and the town purchased fuel from Circle K which resulted in a payment prior to warrant approval. The chairman had been notified the day of the event.
- ~An email from town counsel concerning the public bathrooms with occupancy including the Chamber of Commerce would not be allowed due to covenant restrictions in the deed.

VI. **New Business:**

Aerial Mapping: A discussion whether to upgrade the resolution of the upcoming Ortho Imagery aerial mapping led to a consensus not to increase the resolution from 24" to 12" at a cost of \$2,000. Norwood suggested there are sufficient funds and Benson described the potential for GIS overlay, however Manager Lagrange stated that while the increased resolution did have some benefits, the proposed 24" resolution was an excellent improvement from the 1987 aerials and that this would again be considered in five years.

Madeira Boundary Line Agreement: Manager Lagrange presented a completed document to define the boundary between the Madeira property and the Manset Town Pier. A motion was made by George Jellison to approve and sign this document. It was seconded by Dave Mincton and voted in favor, 5/0/0.

Warrant Committee Resignation: Resignations from Richard Dimond and Michael Young were accepted by the Board of Selectmen with regret. The Board expressed their gratitude for their services and wished them well. A motion was made by Dan Norwood to accept these resignations and it was seconded by Dave Mincton. Voted 5/0/0

Bank Authorization: Manager Lagrange requested the Board's authorization to establish a checking account for HRA health insurance purposes with funds from the difference in FY 13-14 budgeted POS C plan to the PPO plan for non-union staff to be deposited in the amount of approximately \$12,000.

VII. **Other Business:**

Dan Norwood made it a point to address Joey Feliciano of the Village Washtub that the town will do what is necessary to accommodate his business during construction activities. Joey agreed with the need of the construction but did state his difficulty with any disruption of business. Chief Chapais commented majority of security doors installed at the school and continues to address the main door. Scott Alley and Joey Feliciano made a point that extra costs for construction should be a consideration for all the taxpayers and not just to address the concerns of the business owners. It was noticed the construction meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday at 9:00 to discuss options. Tom Benson was concerned with the status of State funding if changes to the construction schedule occurred.

VIII. **Accept & Sign Warrants:** Dan Norwood moved to accept the following warrants: General Fund Warrants, **FY13-14, (88, 91, 92, 93, 96); Sewer FY13-14, (95); Water FY2013, (24) , School FY13-14, (90, 94) .** Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/1. Another motion by Dan Norwood to accept a 2014

warrant for water, #1 not included in above. Second by George Jellison and voted on 5/0/0

- IX. Next Meeting Date:
A Special Selectmen meeting to discuss Main Street Construction as well a scheduling the budget workshops will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 5:00 PM at the Town office. The next regular meeting will be January 28, 2014
- X. A motion by Tom Benson to adjourn meeting, second by George Jellison. Voted 5/0/0

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