



Minutes

Water – Sewer Board

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was opened by Chairman Norwood at 5:28PM. In attendance with Chairman included George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Mincton, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the Agenda
There were no visitors to be heard
- III. Rebecca Reynolds presented a capital improvement cost schedule for the water department as part of the asset management study as a requirement to the federal funding the Town received for the construction of the water tank. She stated future federal funding projects will mandate this type of study which means the Town is ahead of the game. The schedule provides life of assets and cost estimates for replacement.
- IV. The Town Manager presented an outline to re-structure the water-sewer departments to create operational efficiencies. The proposal is to form a district with its own Board of Trustees and a Superintendent. Selectman Lydia Goetze presented a summary from the statistics in the outline which indicated districts generally operated at costs of 30% less than municipality operated districts
- V. No other business was presented
- VI. George Jellison moved to adjourn the water-sewer board meeting at 5:59 PM, second by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor, 5/0/0

Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 6:00PM

Southwest Harbor Town Office

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call The meeting was opened by Chairman Norwood at 6:00 PM. Others in attendance included George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Mincton, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda
There were no visitors to be heard.
- III. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2014
Tom Benson moved to accept the water/sewer board minutes, second by George Jellison, voted in favor 5/0/0.
David Mincton moved to accept the minutes for the Selectmen meeting of September 9, 2014, second by Tom Benson, voted in favor 5/0/0.
- IV. Manager's Report
~ Discussed the sewer line proposal with Keith Johnson of Acadia Park service and they are very interested in opening up a dialog with the Town. They have two other septic situations that may be more prevalent and feels this septic situation at the Seawall Campground will be resolved in 2016 or 2017. We are each doing our own research of the past proposal 12-13 years ago. Their situation has

been complicated by a rising water table limit affecting their leach fields which need constant pumping out.

- ~ Joy Lyons requested to plant some bulbs in the Village Green Park in memory of Hannah Shaw a young girl from this area in her twenties, who passed away this past spring. I was told her mother resides in Southwest Harbor.
- ~ Rings paving proposal to shim Dirigo Road attached. Waiting for a price from Lane construction. Road is very rough to the point it may bung up the snow plow.
- ~ See attached State sign inventory indicating 45 signs will be received to replace current street safety signs. Our cost per sign is \$4.88 each.

V. Old Business:

a. Police Chief Retirement

George Jellison moved to accept, with regret, the notice of retirement from Chief David Chapais effective October 17, 2014. David Mincton seconded the motion with his many thanks for the service Chief Chapais provide the Town. Tom Benson added that many do not appreciate the work of Chief Chapais, that most of it goes un-noticed. George Jellison also added his appreciation for the many hours Chief Chapais provided in the D.A.R.E program. These comments echoed by all Selectmen.

b. Gordon White Associates

The Town Manager presented a memo from Eric Norberg regarding the parking area south of Village Green Way and suggested it was not advisable to have a limited easement for night time maintenance and plowing. The intent of the 1991 easement was to maintain public parking and the town cannot plow and maintain a parking area for private use. Frank Colella as treasurer of the Association was concerned about giving an easement and questioned the change from 1991 to now. He also was concerned about potential restrictions on parking as well as liabilities.

George Jellison provided an overview of the legal opinion from Town Attorney when he reviewed the 1991 easement relative to the extra turning lane from Village Green to Main Street. It is not legal for a municipality to indefinitely maintain private parking for the acceptance of the easement to Village Green Way. For the town to continue maintaining and plowing these spaces, an easement to the town for public parking purposes will be required.

A warrant was presented to the Selectmen to place Article 5 on the November 4 ballot which would authorize the Selectmen to accept an easement from the Association. Lydia Goetze moved to place Article 5 on the ballot, seconded by David Mincton and voted in favor 5/0/0

c. The water line in the Main Street construction is complete with all services to be installed by end of next week. Lagrange stated the construction activities are right on target at this time.

VI. New Business:

a. At Home in Southwest Harbor

Judith Cox gave a brief informational update of the committee's efforts to date including their mission and vision. The committee are finding ways for

adults to stay in their homes as long as it is safe. The steering committee is reviewing different aspects of how to start up this program and at the same time, fall under the WHCA umbrella which would provide residents with other services. She wanted the Board to be aware of the committee's efforts.

b. Harbor Mooring Update

Harbor Master Adam Thurston summarize the mooring update plan stating 32 additional moorings have been placed and issued; the waiting list was reduced by 27 requests and there 87 remaining on the list.. 22 spots were created from moving moorings and adding spots. The majority of moorings are for under 32' boats. He felt enough parking spaces currently but needs to address in the near future.

c. Proceeds from Waste prevention

A request was made by Jill Freundlich to donate \$1,000 from the waste prevention program to the Westside Food Pantry. Currently there is \$3,933 in this reserve account. This issue requires voter approval and a warrant was presented to the Selectmen for approval to be placed on the ballot as Article 6 for the purpose of donating this money. Tom Benson moved to place this article on the November 4th ballot, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0

d. State DOT Pavement Project

The Town Manager stated an opinion the DOT project from Somesville to Fernald Point Road was an excellent job and asked the Selectmen if they would forward a letter stating such and to thank the State DOT. Tom Benson moved to accept the letter to Maine DOT, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. Other Business
None

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

Tom Benson moved to accept the following warrants, seconded by David Minton and voted in favor, 5/0/0

General Fund Warrants, FY 14-15: 38, 41, 43

Sewer FY 14-15: 42

Water FY2014: 19

Special Projects FY 14-15:

School FY14-15: 39, 40

IX. Next Meeting Date:

October 14, 2014

Public Hearing (Nov Warrants)

Selectmen Meeting @ 6:00PM, Fire Station

X. Adjourn Selectmen Meeting

A motion was made by Tom Benson to adjourn the Selectmen meeting at 6:58 PM, seconded by David Minton and voted in favor 5/0/0