

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman George Jellison called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:00PM. In attendance: David Minctons, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda - None

III. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Benson moved to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2016 public hearing, seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Lydia Goetze abstaining.

Dan Norwood moved to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Lydia Goetze abstaining.

Lydia Goetze voted to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2016 special meeting, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

IV. Manager's Report

~ Jon Cullen of the DEP, Goodwin Construction and the Town met at the Manset Pier to discuss widening the ramp by 10' as well as repairing the end of the ramp. Jon will review and give us direction regarding permitting process. Also discussed the Harbor Master office location.

~ Street sweeping if nearing completion of the spring cleanup.

~ A new hire Gary Caron will be starting in mid-May in the police department which will finally provide a fully staffed department in the last two years. Frank Burke will be finished from the academy mid-May.

~ Excellent comments are being received regarding the performance of Levi Soper, not just from peers but also from residents due to his professionalism, courtesy and abilities.

~ Minutes from the most recent Water & Sewer district meeting as well as a summary of activities that have taken place were presented to the Selectmen.

~ The water filter plant experienced a rupture of supply pipes due to the hammer effect of a quick startup of the pumping stations. It was primarily the result of an accident on Carroll Hill which created a power surge too strong for the surge protectors at the plant. Water has been trucked in from Bar Harbor to keep the storage tanks at a reasonable height. A slide presentation showed the damages that were incurred.

~ Spring Brook Road is nearing completion with the new gravel base, culverts and drainage swales. Rings paving will pave the street in next few days.

~ A slide presentation showed the new rip rap placed on Cable Crossing due to the severe erosion as a result of the storm surges in the past few weeks. Granite steps were also placed for easier access to the shore.

~ The public bathrooms will be landscaped in the next few weeks and the asphalt walkway will be installed when Rings Paving is in town to pave Spring Brook.

~ Tremont requested we sweep a portion of their streets. Lagrange indicated we may be able to offer 1-2 days of sweeping depending whether Scott Alley, Highway Foreman, can make the time. Tremont would be charged \$80/hour for this service.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

~ Noel Musson presented an outline to assist Southwest Harbor in the planning of harbor development which included applying for a grant to pay for the costs associated with planning. It was determined Mr. Musson would act as a facilitator for a committee yet to be determined who will study a direction for the future of the harbor and make representations to the Board of Selectmen.

Lydia Goetze moved to pay Noel \$500 for the preparation of a grant up to \$20,000 with town participation of \$7,500. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

The Manager will place notices on the web site, newspaper advertising and newsletter seeking volunteers to serve on this committee. Noel Musson will outline an agenda to provide guidance for the committee.

~ Manager Lagrange had a meeting with the Island Explorer to discuss new locations for the bus stop in Town. Previously, the north and south bound bus would stop at the post office area which often caused traffic issues. The proposal is to eliminate a parking space in front of the Drydock and the Village Green to allow the bus to pull off the traveled lane and eliminate the stop at the post office area. Dan Norwood moved to authorize the removal of the two spaces and enter into agreement with Island Explorer for this change. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to approve the liquor license renewal application for Beal's Lobster Pier, The Lindenwood Inn, Little Notch Bakery and Red Sky. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to approve the liquor license renewal application and the amusement permit application for Sips Restaurant, Café Drydock and Claremont Inn. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Tom Benson moved to affirm the Town Manager appointments of Marilyn Lowell and Renee Atwater for Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer, Marilyn Lowell as General Assistance Administrator and Renee Atwater as Deputy General Assistance Administrator, for the remainder of the 15/16 year term, such appointments to be effective until June 30, 2016. Seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Tom Benson moved to affirm the Town Clerk appointment of Renee Atwood and Robert Salsbury as Deputy Clerk for the remainder of the 15/16 year term, such appointments to be effective until June 30, 2016. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to affirm the Registrar appointments of Robert Salsbury and Renee Atwater as Deputy Registrar for the remainder of the two year term, such appointments to be effective until December 31, 2016. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. Other Business (Selectmen) None

VIII. Lydia Goetze moved to accept the following warrants, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16; 135, 138, 140, 141

Special Projects FY 15-16: None

School FY15-16: 133, 137, 139

IX. Next Meeting Date:

Town Meeting, Pemetic School, May 2, 2016 7:00 PM

Voting Day, May 3, 2016, Fire Station 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Regular Selectmen Meeting, May 10, 2016, Town Office 6:00 PM

X. Dan Norwood moved to adjourn meeting at 7:37 PM, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.