



Selectmen Meeting
Town Office, 5:00 PM
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

- I. Chairman Benson called the Selectman meeting to order at 4:55pm. In attendance were Dan Norwood, George Jellison, Lydia Goetze, Chad Terry, and Town Clerk, Marilyn Lowell.
- II. *Executive Session:*
 - ~ Dan Norwood moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (e) for legal consultations with attorney regarding real estate acquisitions. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.
 - ~ George Jellison moved to adjourn executive session at 5:35 PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.
 - ~ Lydia Goetze moved to go into executive session at 5:35 PM pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (a) relative to personnel matters to discuss personnel procedures with the Town Manager, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
 - ~ George Jellison moved to adjourn executive session at 6:02 PM, seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- III. *Visitors to be heard*
- IV. *Approval of Minutes:*
 - ~ Dan Norwood moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017 as amended with change of actual vote, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- V. *Manager's Report:*
 - ~ Two years ago, bids were received for heating fuel due to the low energy costs for non-typical warm winters. This year, the School department went after oil bids in a typical winter with much higher costs. Generally, oil prices should be committed during the summer months when lower costs are typical. Our current cost is \$1.42/gal. School bids received at \$1.90/gal. I am waiting until later in the season to tap a lower than \$1.90/gal price.
 - ~ Attached charges billed to the Water & Sewer Department for services provided during water malfunctions. The Town will receive \$3,316.64 for supplies and equipment and \$1,799 stipends to persons providing assistance.
 - ~ Planning Board met on Thursday, February 23 to discuss the Land Use Ordinance and areas that should have review.
 - ~ We just received FEMA recertification which is valid until 2021. Although we do annual reports, this recertification requires much more detail which was accomplished during the past four months. The benefits include disaster relief when emergency FEMA situations occur as well as a 5% insurance discount to all those who have flood insurance. We are the only community in Hancock County to enjoy this benefit as a Class 9 community.
 - ~ Due to the inability to contact with other appraisal firms through numerous phone calls, an authorization and commitment was sent to Maine Valuation to appraise the Hook property.
 - ~ During the snow storm last week, one of our plow trucks backed into a vehicle traveling on Main Street.

VI. *Old Business:*

~ Manager Lagrange suggested following article be place on the May Town ballot. Construction would be for the 2018 season. There is ample time to consider the best method of financing.

Article : Shall the Town (1) approve a capital project consisting of water line replacement and road reconstruction, including engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of \$2,359,005 to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to accept such grants as may become available through the Maine Department of Transportation or other sources, and issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,359,005 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

Explanatory note: The project will include resurfacing Fernald Point Road, Village Green parking, Village Green Way, Clark Point Road (Main St to Herrick), Hillcrest Acres, Shore Road (from Spar Cottage to Kings Lane to Seawall Road), Freeman Ridge and Robinson Lane. It also includes, design work, utilities reconstruction and road resurfacing on Cedar Lane, Robinson Hill and Claremont Road. The sidewalk and railing at the bulkhead across Claremont Road will be reconstructed plus adequate storm water drainage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of the Sewer Department bonds:	\$1,193,278.00
B.	Outstanding balance of the Water Department bonds:	\$2,053,143.92
C.	Outstanding balance of School bonds:	\$1,044,200.00
D.	Outstanding balance of other general obligation bonds:	\$2,657,282.00
E.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
F.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$2,359,005.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 9,306,908.92

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 3.5% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$2,359,005.00
Interest:	<u>\$ 925,395.00</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$3,284,400.00

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

~ Dan Norwood moved to place article for financing infrastructure project on the May ballot, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ The Town received State DOT grant approval in the amount of \$400,000 as well as \$98,500 from DOT MPI funds for the Main Street sidewalk. The remaining Town share would be approx. \$293,000. George Jellison moved to authorize Town Manager to accept the grant commitment, seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. *New Business:*

~ Lydia Goetze moved to authorize Town Manager to act on behalf of SWH to sell the Town's interest back to PERC according to the "Put Option" of MRC. Seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Application of Ronald Weiner for Harbor Planning Coimmi8ttee was withdrawn.

~ Ann Judd of Conservation Committee forwarded a copy of grant application to Alford requesting \$80,000 for the development of Rhoades Park.

~ Lagrange presented an easement from the Judds on Fernald Point Road for access to the cemetery. The Board requested more clarification about the easement proposed by Judd.

~ The low bidder for the Upper Town Dock finger floats was Cranberry Island Boat Yard at \$37,000 for 10 floats. Since it is more than available in CIP, it was recommended to build only 8 floats and retain two used floats until next season. The addition of two floats was suggested to increase dingy space. The Board requested further review by the Harbormaster.

~ George Jellison moved to place an article on the warrant which provides authorization to the Selectmen to accept multi-year contracts. Lagrange suggested this as a housekeeping measure considering the Town has multi-year contracts with the assessor, legal and auditors. Seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VIII. *Other Business:*

~ The highest bid received for the 2002 pick-up truck was from Gordius garage at \$1,251.00. Dan Norwood moved to accept this bid, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Lydia Goetze suggested the Board review who to include in the Town Report in memorium and dedication. Also, more interaction with committees perhaps during a workshop session to determine what might be expected between the Selectmen and the Committees.

~ Dan Norwood moved to amend extension agreement of Manager's contract from the effective date of August 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017; also amend section 6 of the current Manager's contract expiring June 30, 2017 and section 5 of the contract extension expiring June 30, 2018 to comply with the personnel manual of January 26, 2016, Article II, section F-5-a which requires an annual flat rate to be paid to Manager on a monthly basis. It is also moved to allow an annual rate of \$2,424 payable at \$202 per month for personal vehicle use. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Chad Terry abstaining.

IX. *Accept & Sign Warrants:*

Dan Norwood moved to accept and sign the following warrants. Lydia Goetze second. Voted in favor 5/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 16-17: 84

Payroll Warrants: FY 16-17: 77, 78, 81, 82

School FY16-17: 79, 80

X. Next Meeting Date:

Selectmen Meeting, March 14, 2017, Town Office 6:00 PM

XI. George Jellison moved to adjourn Selectmen meeting at 7:35 PM. Chad Terry second. Voted in favor 5/0/0.