



Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 6:00 pm
Southwest Harbor Town Office

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Roll Call: Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Dave Minctons, Ralph Dunbar, Jr, Town Manager Don Lagrange. Excused: George Jellison, Jr.

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

III. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2013 Meeting
March 19, 2013 Meeting

A Motion by Dunbar, Jr. and Seconded by Norwood to accept the March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote 3/0/1.

A Motion by Norwood and Seconded by Minctons to accept the March 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote 4/0.

IV. Manager's Report: Lagrange asked the BOS if they could attend an infrastructure meeting on Tuesday, 4/2/13, at the Town Office at 8:30 am. He spoke briefly about the figures concerning the office remodel job that recently had been done. He also reminded the BOS about the upcoming asset management classes scheduled on 03/27 & 03/28 at the Fire Station from 1-4 pm.. He informed the board of the cost savings that Tabbetha had searched out in our payables and is saving the town approximately \$9,000.00. He also spoke about Beatty receiving her Certified Clerk of Maine certification recently from the Maine Town & City Clerks Association. Lagrange spoke briefly about considering a turn off area on Seal Cove Road for a couple cars to park while fishing at the culvert or watching birds in the marsh. Norwood asked Lagrange to check into cleaning up the area "in-house" with the highway department and get back to the board about costs to do this small project.

V. Old Business:

a. School Security (Benson): Benson addressed the board about partnering with the school for school security. He suggested taking a total sum of \$12,000.00 out of undesignated funds and combine with the school's approximate amount of \$8,000.00 to develop a detailed and functional security system. Chapais explained to the BOS that he had been working on upgrading the security with the school and he explained their priority list to everyone. Security doors, new locks, cameras and such are needed for the upgrade. He did mention that not all of the quotes are not back in to tally up the costs. He said that they have

spoken about a possible “panic button” to alert the dispatch of any crisis. He would like to see that everyone who enters the school would have to be buzzed in. Benson would like Chapais to get with the Pemetie principal and progress further and come up with a more definite plan and cost because he would like for this issue to go before the voters in June. Norwood added that he thought it was a “worthy cause” for the Selectmen to make sure they do all they can to make sure the school is as secure as possible.

A Motion by Norwood and Seconded by Dunbar, Jr. to authorize the BOS to use up to \$12,000.00 to be taken from undesignated funds for the security of the school. Vote 4/0.

b. School Consolidation Oversight Committee (Dunbar, Jr.): Dunbar, Jr. spoke briefly to the BOS about entertaining the possibility of Pemetie and Tremont schools consolidating in the future. He would like to see an oversight committee formed and come up with recommendations that would benefit both towns. Benson thought this was a good idea and it could warrant some consideration. Dunbar, Jr. would like to have Lagrange contact Tremont’s town manager to see what their interest would be and if they would move forward with this committee. Lagrange will draft a letter for the Tremont town manager and their selectmen to see where they would like to go with this idea. Hopefully, both towns can come to a consensus and proceed after that.

c. Fireworks Ordinance for future Discussion (Chapais): Draft was given to look over and had no complaints. Some of the wording “possession” had been removed, not so worried about that. Our concern is focusing on usage. Discussion regarding usage, noise and fire safety. Will study Dave’s recommendation and get a full board opinion. This will be put on the docket for April 23.

d. Appreciation letter for Gretchen Strong thanking her for service on Board of Appeals.

e. Authorization for Paul Slaunwhite-- needs signatures for the records.

VI New Business:

a. American Legion Bottle Club License (Lagrange): Has an application for renewal.

A Motion by Dunbar, Jr. and Seconded by Minctons to renew. Discussion- no complaints, approved 4/0.

b. Draft Quarterly Newsletter(Lagrange): At public hearing pros and cons will be presented. The rest of the newsletter will be to explain what is coming up for articles on the May 7 ballot. Don made a few corrections and will send content. All agreed on content.

c. Public works report (Corrigan): Received check from insurance company of about \$4,800 for roof damage. He is trying to get more bids due to only having one quote. Also received a check from the insurance company for the loader of \$10,800 and waiting on a full quote from Nortrax for repairs.

Roads – have gone through only 60% of salt budget. Discussion of salt prices, how many loads, reserves for next year and ration of salt/sand. There is \$10,000 budgeted and this depends on usage of salt/sand. Use of less salt helps vehicles and the environment, sand also has detriments. Need to discuss issues and set policies in place. Public works has been

concentrating on Long Hill to minimize accidents. More work is being done by the town on plowing roads due to DOT cutbacks.

Corrigan and Allen Willey went to a meeting in Winterport regarding the Consent Order that has been in place for the past year. The state agreed to remove this due to meeting all requirements and should have the letter next week. Need to continue monthly testing for the next year. This is costly to the town and will see if this can be cut back, required to do quarterly at least. Will see if test can be done without an engineer to reduce costs if monthly does need to happen.

VII. Other Business:

Glenn Greenlaw has volunteered to be on the Shellfish Committee.

A Motion by Dunbar, Jr. and Seconded by Minctons to accept the appointment of Greenlaw to the Shellfish Committee, approved 4/0.

VII. Accept and Sign Warrants: Administration: 144, 147, 150, Water: 5, Sewer: 149, School: 145, 146, Special Projects: 148.

A Motion by Dunbar, Jr. and Seconded by Minctons to accept warrant, approved 4/0.

IX. Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2013 Selectman and Public Hearing
Fire Station

X. Adjourn

