

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at  
Present: Robin M. Bennett, Town Manager; Kristin Hutchins; Trudy  
Bickford; Berten Willey; Ralph Dunbar; Dorr Wilson

Visitors: David Chapais, Police Chief; Dianne Willey-Ward,  
Sandra Johnson, Rob Bosserman

- II. Visitors to be Heard not on the Agenda: none

- III. New Business

a. 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed by reading aloud each article presented in the 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Comments were invited. Dunbar said the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Warrant Article should reflect the Selectmen's numbers. The summary numbers at the bottom should reflect the Selectmen's recommendation – removing some portion from the Police Department CIP and some from Highway CIP. \$416,300. Board members agreed and,

It was Moved (Bickford) and Seconded (Wilson) to adjust the dollar figure at the end of Article 17, Capital Improvement Plan, from \$426,300 to the Selectmen's recommendation of \$416,300. Vote: 5 – 0 in favor

It was Moved (Wilson) and Seconded (Bickford) to accept as amended the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for FY 2009-2010. Vote: 5 – 0 in favor.

Bennett said the Town is applying for stimulus money for the Water Department. Prior submissions totaled \$877,000 plus – which included two generators. Drinking water program asked for a separate proposal for generators. Today the call was received asking if the Town wants to

continue with the one generator or add in the second generator for an additional \$300,000 that includes a 30% grant and 0% interest funding. Voter approval would be needed, but that part of the project could be cancelled if the Town decided it was not financially feasible. Bennett asked if there is any interest by the Board to expand this project to two generators. Dunbar felt it would be best to stay with one. Both Dunbar and Wilson said they felt both generators could be done for less. Wilson would need to see more information before agreeing. The Board generally agreed that they would like to remain with one generator. Johnson asked if it would be prudent to put the full amount in the Warrant as a way to preserve the method of obtaining the grant of 30% and 0% funding which is “huge”. Bennett read the proposal letter received. The letter cited the recommendations to the changes in the plant based on the current diesel pump and proximity to the water source. Bosserman asked if we don't get the second generator are we at risk for not getting the one? Answer by Bennett is no – the State will just reduce the amount we will get the loan for from the State. Hutchins said the question is whether to ask the voters to fund the additional money, which totals \$877,000, for the second generator. Wilson asked if there would need to be another article in the Warrant – Bennett and Hutchins said yes. Wilson said it may be that we should just do it, as this is a rare opportunity to obtain any grant money. Bickford stressed that these generators will go out for bid. Bennett said we only have to use what we spend, but authorization will still have to be obtained from the voters.

It was Moved Wilson and Seconded Bickford to ask the voters to raise \$300,000 more to add a second generator to the pump station Vote: 4 – 1 (Dunbar) opposed.

b. Investment Accounts: Bennett received a call on Thursday last that our MBIA (our reserve account firm) was no longer going to be doing business in the State of Maine, and we needed to move our funds out of their firm. There were not enough groups contributing to the pool in the State of Maine for them to continue business there. Thursday our portfolio was sold and is not earning anything at present. Bennett has contacted local bankers and a temporary NOW account was opened with unlimited balance, FDIC insurance, at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust and it will stay there temporarily until a decision is made on the portfolio to be used.

It was Moved (Bickford) and Seconded (Hutchins) to authorize the Town Manager to open a NOW account with BHBT and place the MBIA reserve

account funds in that account until further decisions are made by the Board.  
Vote: 5 – 0 in favor

c. Quarterly Newsletter: Hutchins provided a draft and will take any suggestions and present them at the next meeting. Bickford suggested the breakdown information for the Police Station and the Water Department Generator Funding. Bennett will provide those.

IV. Other Business: Hutchins and Bosserman met with Pat Boucello and discussed the ambulance service. A suggestion was made to the Board that she be invited to speak with the Board at the last meeting in April. The Board agreed to the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

V. Adjournment It was Moved (Wilson) and Seconded (Bickford) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote: 5 – 0 in favor.