

Selectmen Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 @ 4:30 PM

Southwest Harbor Town Office

I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Chairman Ralph Dunbar, Jr., Tom Benson, George Jellison, Dan Norwood and Town Manager Donald Lagrange. David Mincton arrived at 4:45 PM

II. Main Street Construction Update @ 4:30 PM

Annaleis Hafford, Project Engineer for Olvers presented a brief update of the Main Street construction project regarding the issues that have been encountered during the first two weeks. Mike Light, the project engineer was introduced to the Selectmen and he discussed traffic flow issues as well as current issues with ledge. Chief Chapais commented that volunteers with red lights are having difficulty getting either to the fire station or ambulance. Mr. Light suggested they meet to resolve that issue.

III. Workshop, Fireworks Rules

Chief Chapais presented the State rules regarding fireworks and suggested a special events ordinance be considered in place of a fire works ordinance. The Chairman summarized four (4) possible solutions which include; maintaining the State rules with no local ordinance; proposed an ordinance to require a permit only for holidays; create a general ordinance for special events to encompass all issues; or to leave fireworks unrestricted except by a permit similar to the current fire permits issued by dispatch. The Chief stated (17) complaints, primarily for noise from fireworks, were recorded in the period Jan-December, 2012 out of 70 total complaints. From January – October, 2013, only (7) complaints associated with fireworks. There were no fires or injuries reported from use of fireworks. Selectman Norwood suggested the Chief re-visit fireworks ordinance vs. special events. The Chairman requested the Manager to review other town's special events permits and provide info for the Meeting of November 12.

IV. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda:

Chief Chapais mentioned the upcoming Octoberfest this week as well as the Marathon the following week. Selectmen Benson requested to be excused at 5:30 PM.

V. Approval of Minutes:

A Motion by Jellison and Seconded by Mincton to approve the BOS Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2013 as written. Vote 4/0/1. Norwood not as previous meeting

VI. Manager's Report:

Manager Lagrange indicated a check from Trouts Unlimited in the amount of \$30,700 should be forthcoming from a grant toward the reconstruction of Marshall Brook culvert. The area League of Towns will have its annual meeting at the Somesville Fire Station on October 16, at 5:00 PM. All Selectmen indicated attendance. A proposed Army Corp letter was provided regarding the floats in the channel. Selectmen requested info regarding Harbor plan, the direction the Harbor is moving and the criteria for the floats. Lagrange stated a meeting with EMR on October 15 to discuss upcoming contract renewal. Chairman Dunbar and Vice Chair Dan Norwood committed to attend meeting. Lagrange stated union contract discussion to begin on October 29 at 10:30 AM. Selectmen Benson was volunteered to attend.

VII. Old Business:

Manager Lagrange stated an inspection of the Rhodes House will be done either the 23rd or 24th of October with an inspector from insurance carrier. A discussion concerning the reconstruction of the bathrooms on the Village Green suggested the Town proceed without the Chamber participation however, a meeting should be scheduled with them to confirm intentions. A summary of the Housing Authority was provided by the Manager which detailed the members of the local board which include long time member John Wellington, Karen Craig, Lee Worcester and Sonya Field. There is one member vacancy from this group. Also, two residents of the housing are required on the board, however there exists a vacancy there as well. Lagrange indicated that Director Terry Kelley would provide a brief summary of the operation at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business:

- a. A motion by Jellison, seconded by Mincton to accept the State ordinance for General Assistance. Voted 4/0

A motion by Norwood, seconded by Mincton to accept General Assistance Appendix A. Voted 4/0

A motion by Jellison, second by Norwood to accept General Assistance Appendices B – F. Voted 4/0

- b. A motion by Jellison, second by Norwood to move the sum of \$31,077 from debt service account 425-7020-65 to CIP Roads 1-221-19. Voted 0/4/0 to deny.

A motion by Norwood, seconded by Mincton to move the sum of \$31,077 from debt service account 425-7020-65 to CIP Water/Sewer Infrastructure Reserve 1-221-56 as allowed by Article 53 approved by the voters at the May 6 Town Meeting giving Selectmen authority to transfer unexpended funds to the Surplus Account or to any specified reserve fund, as deemed advisable by the Board of Selectmen. Voted 4/0/0 in favor.

- c. A discussion was presented by Lagrange to replace the catwalk and finger floats at the upper town and Harbormaster Adam was applying for a \$13,000 from DOT Small Harbors program. Sufficient funds in the CIP reserve added to the grant will be sufficient to replace items. Selectmen in consensus with proposal and if grant approved, will look into putting the project out to bid.

IX: Other Business:

- a. Lagrange presented the warrant for the November 5 voting to be accepted and signed. Motion by Norwood, second by Jellison to accept warrant. Voted 4/0

X. Accept & Sign Warrants: Motion by Jellison, Seconded by Norwood to accept following warrants: General Fund Warrants, FY13-14, 44, 47, 49; Water FY2013, 19; Sewer FY13-14, 48; School FY13-14, 45, 46; Voted 4/0 in favor

- XI. Next Meeting Dates: Preliminary Budget Workshop October 22, 2013 @ 5:00PM
Public Hearing, Warrant Ordinance Amendment, October 22, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Selectmen Meeting (following Public Hearing)
Meeting at Municipal Town Office

XII. Executive Session, 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Issues

Motion by Minton, second by Norwood to enter into executive session at 6:30 PM. Voted 4/0. Tom Benson re-joined meeting at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Norwood, second by Benson to adjourn executive session, voted 5/0

X. Adjourn Selectmen Meeting: Motion by Norwood, seconded by Benson to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM . Voted 5/0/0.