

## **Water/Sewer Board Minutes**

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 @ 5:45 PM

Southwest Harbor Town Office

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was opened by Chairman Norwood at 5:45PM. In attendance with Chairman included George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Minctons, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

No visitors

III. Approve Water/Sewer board minutes of December 9, 2014

Tom Benson moved to accept the Water/Sewer Board minutes of December 9, 2014. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

III. FY 2015 Water budget (final approval)

Lydia Goetze moved to accept the water budget for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$640,575. Second by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0

IV. Adjourn Water/Sewer Board Meeting

George Jellison moved to adjourn water/sewer meeting at 5:55 PM. Second by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

## **Selectmen Minutes**

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Southwest Harbor Town Office

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was opened by Chairman Norwood at 6:00PM. In attendance with Chairman included George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Minctons, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

No visitors

III. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2014

Tom Benson moved to accept minutes of December 9, 2014. Second by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

IV. Manager's Report

~ Mr. Willey's well was tested due to potential elevated salt levels from road salt and sanding and the results indicated satisfactory levels of sodium 40% below maximum levels.

~ A presentation at the 'Salt, sanding and saving' workshop was convincing that we are not efficient in our maintenance of our roads. It's not to say the highway department is not doing a good job however they do not have all the tools to do an efficient cost saving job. They have to work harder to maintain bare roads as they have been doing. An example from town of Pownal showed where they reduced their cost of sand to \$7,000 per season on 40 miles of road. We spend \$9,000 for 13 miles of roads. Their pre-treating of roads prior to a storm is the main difference keeping their roads bare. They have storage tanks for brine solutions and a portable tanker to spread on the roads before a storm for pretreating and rely more on a salt and calcium regiment to do the work. DEP is starting to lean toward less sand due to erosion and sedimentation in the eco system.

~ Excellent comments from board members thanking the Selectmen for the holiday gift token and especially the letter of acknowledgement.

~ I am wishing you a great holiday season and a very happy new year!

~ Legal reviewed the draft charter for district establishment and will send to Legislature for approval. The Town will have two years to approve the development of the district if it so chooses.

- ~ Dirigo/Clark Point drain issue appears to be resolved. A culvert cleaning company from Bangor with high pressure lines cleaned out the culvert which caused storm water back up into the intersection.

Attachments:

Maine Winter Road guidelines

V. Old Business:

- a. Proposed Bathrooms (continued)  
The cost of proposed bathrooms not determined. Will work on numbers for future meetings.
- b. Main Street Update  
Suggested trees to be removed from Main Street have been marked. They are too close to the sidewalk which may cause future damage with root growth. Selectmen suggested the engineer's errors and omissions insurance should cover the omissions from the original design. Lagrange noted (5) utility poles needs to be relocated.
- c. Mobile Vendor Ordinance (continued due to legal)  
Benson question whether legal may be lagging. Lagrange indicated he will contact legal.
- d. Gordon-White Associates/Easement (continued, no update)  
Lagrange indicated no response from calls to the hospital. Benson suggested tabling item until we are notified by Gordon-White Associates.

VI. New Business:

- a. Warrant Committee Appointment, Nancy Weingarten  
Lydia Goetze moved to appoint Nancy Weingarten to the Warrant Committee. Second by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- b. Warrant Committee Re-appointment, Carolyn Ball  
David Minctons moved to accept the re-appointment of Carolyn Ball to the Warrant Committee. Second by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- c. Dispatch Summary  
Chief Miller explained his summary of dispatch for Tremont in relation to total calls. He stated approximately 12.5% of dispatch services are related to Tremont and felt an increase of \$2,000 would be reasonable. Chairman Norwood requested total budget costs for ambulance and fire dispatch to Tremont before asking for increase in fees.
- d. Harbor Fees  
Harbormaster Thurston stated the Harbor Committee decided not to suggest any new fees for the harbor this coming year. A question regarding the Ellis float rental and the ferry service fees were reasonable. The ferry service paid \$1400 in the past season based on 50 cents per passenger. Lagrange suggested a set fee of \$1500 be charged to the ferry service. Goetze requested info to what type of use that contributes to the fees charged. Jellison indicated the fees for the fish truck for use of the Manset dock be increased. There was a consensus to keep the existing fees and re-evaluate for the 2016 season. Tom Benson moved to keep existing fees for 2015, second by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0. Minctons questioned the fees charged the fish truck for use of Tremont piers. Thurston suggested the fees not be raised.
- e. January Budget Schedule (Sewer Department Included)

A budget review schedule was provided, however the Island Explorer was not included. Lagrange would revised the schedule and forward to Selectmen.

f. Library Easement

The Library requested to give the Town an easement for the parking area in front of the library. It was represented the town owns half of the spaces. This easement would allow the town to plow and maintain these spaces. Tom Benson moved to place this easement on a warrant for acceptance by the town. Second by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

g. Water/Sewer Commitment, Summer Overages

George Jellison moved to accept the Sewer commitment of \$2,622.00 for the period May 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014, subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 7.0% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of December 11, 2014. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Lydia Goetze moved to accept the water commitment of \$23,974.47 for the period May 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014, subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 11.25% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of December 11, 2014. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

h. Appointment, Registrar of Voters

Tom Benson moved to affirm the Managers appointment of Marilyn Lowell as Register of Voters. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

i. Appointment, Eben Richardson (Patrolman/Constable)

Tom Benson moved to appoint Eben Richardson as full time patrolman and constable. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

George Jellison moved to accept the following warrants. Second by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 14-15; 89, 91, 94, 96

Sewer FY 14-15: 95

Water FY2014: 25

Special Projects FY 14-15: None

School FY14-15: 90, 92, 93

IX. Next Meeting Date:

January 5, 2015	Budget Review, 5:30PM
January 6, 2015	Budget Review, 5:30PM
January 7, 2015	Budget Review, 6:00 PM
January 8, 2015	Budget Review, 6:00 PM
January 13, 2015	Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM

X. Adjourn Selectmen Meeting: Tom Benson moved to adjourn meeting at 7:17 PM. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.