



Selectmen Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Town Office @ 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Selectmen regular meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM by Chairman Dan Norwood. Also in attendance were George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Minctons, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Clerk Marilyn Lowell. Lydia Goetze was excused.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

Dick Dimond was concerned about the Sewer Department debt service and suggested this older debt should be looked at differently due to the age of the debt. Tabbetha Newenham, finance director stated there was a spreadsheet available to substantiate the accruing debt.

III. Approval of Minutes:

George Jellison Jr. moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2015 public hearing. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 3/0/1 with Dan Norwood abstaining due to not in attendance.

George Jellison, Jr. moved to accept the minutes of the Selectmen meeting of March 10, 2015. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 3/0/1 with Dan Norwood abstaining.

IV. Manager's Report

~ During the last meeting at the fire station, falling ice and snow which everyone heard resulted in the shearing of a 3" vent stack with a small portion of the roof peeling off.

~ Attached copy sent to Department of Economic Development to be placed on their State web site for all business certified communities. The community profile is up on the Certified Business-Friendly Community Program website at <http://www.maine.gov/decd/cbfc/index.shtml>. The body of the text was written by Suzi Homer with staff participation overall.

~ Attached memo from MRC indicates that politics at work to limit landfill or expansion proposals by MRC with Casella being tied up by PERC general partner USAE, essentially trying to secure a monopoly limiting MRC communities from finding alternative solutions for waste.

~ Bar Harbor Bank and Trust will be at the first May Selectmen meeting to discuss banking and money management. Any questions you would like answered?

~ Construction meeting will be held Thursday, April 2 at 10:00.

~ Trees on Main Street will be cut on Friday

~ Sewer lining is progressing without any hitches thus far.

V. Old Business:

a. Parking Ordinance/Manset Corner Parking

The Selectmen discussed the proposals in the parking ordinance and were concerned about differentiating between vendors. It was suggested permits be allowed for three vehicles for a total of three days, allowing up to 6 vendors. It was also suggested with issuance of permits, parking would be limited to 20 minutes. Selectmen suggested more info was needed regarding potential permitting options. The Selectmen also requested the Police Chief to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH northbound from the top of Long Hill.

b. Main Street Cost Update

Lagrange suggested three items on the change order list be removed which included \$65,500 for sewer lining between Seal Cove and Robinson Hill, to be combined with other sewer lines later this fall with funds coming out of water/sewer infrastructure; remove the reconstruction of existing sidewalks from the list and only place the overlay as originally designed to save \$10,000; eliminate the overlay at Seal Cove intersection and stay with the trench pavement as indicated on the plans saving \$30,000. The Board agreed by consensus with all other items on the list of change orders to remain.

VI. New Business:

a. Kristen Hutchins suggested having music during Oktoberfest at Veterans Park on October 9 which may include a tent. There was no opposition to proposal. Also, the request included using the town electrical supply at the park

b. David Minctons moved to appoint Marilyn Lowell as health officer for the period of March 25, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0. Lagrange stated there would be \$500 stipend with appointment.

c. Lagrange provided new sign design suggestions for the gateway to the Town prepared by Kustom Visual Kreations. The top price for a carved sign with granite posts and solar spot lights was approximately \$6,500. Suzi Homer suggested other ideas should be sought from community members. Lagrange suggested the Chamber of Commerce should take the lead for these suggestions.

d. Finance Direct Tabbetha Newenham suggested Tax Clubs be placed on the annual town meeting floor. The Selectmen approved by consensus and would vote on the item when voting for the town warrant.

e. Tom Benson moved to accept the Town Warrant articles 1 through article 58 as presented, which included an article for tax clubs. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 4/0/0.

f. The sewer rate schedule was presented to reflect the approved 7% increase approved at the March 10th meeting. The Selectmen stated effective rates as of July 1, 2015 will be billed in October. Tom Benson moved to accept the sewer rate schedule. Seconded by George Jellison, Jr. and voted in favor 4/0/0.

g. Lagrange requested to amend January 8, 2014 minutes due to a typo which did not correspond with the warrant. The Fire Department budget was approved for \$83,970 but the minutes stated \$83,605. Tom Benson moved to amend item II (n) of the minutes to \$83,970. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

VII. Other Business

Suzi Homer stated banner locations have been identified and when completed, will give to town manager.

VIII. Tom Benson moved to accept the following warrants. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 14-15; 132, 135, 137

Sewer FY 14-15: 136

Water FY2015: 5

Special Projects FY 14-15: None

School FY14-15: 133, 134

IX. Next Meeting Date:

April 14, 2015 Police Department Workshop, 5:30

Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Town Office

X. David Minctons moved to adjourn meeting at 7:46 PM. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.