



Selectmen Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Town Office @ 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
The Selectmen regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Dan Norwood. In attendance: George Jellison, Thomas Benson, Lydia Goetze, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn. David Minctons excused from meeting.
- II. No Visitors to be heard not on the agenda
- III. Lydia Goetze moved to approval the minutes of Selectmen meeting dated June 9, 2015. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.
- IV. Manager's Report
 - ~ The manager initially was unable to attend Selectmen meeting of July 14 due to Legal Issues seminar due constant scheduling of seminars on the same day as a Selectmen meeting. He stated he was running out of time for these credits, however decided to make other arrangements and will attend the Selectmen meeting.
 - ~ A meeting was held with Chief Willis, Sherriff Kane, County Administrator, Durlin Lunt, and Dana Reed, Chief Miller and State police at Mt Desert on Tuesday, the 16th to discuss a revised mutual aid agreement between Mt Desert, Southwest Harbor and Tremont. Chief Willis will draft the document with the info received at this meeting. One important issue to be considered is if the primary officer at the scene has less experience than mutual aid support, who controls the scene?
 - ~ Hazardous and universal waste scheduled at MDI High School on September 26, 10-1:00PM.
 - ~ The water line to 34 Freedom Ridge will be excavated on Thursday to be insulated. Has a tendency to freeze each year.
 - ~ It was brought up at the League of Towns meeting between the town managers earlier in the day concerning the double standards for road repairs on state roads applied more stringently to municipalities than state DOT.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Tom Benson moved to accept the bid proposal from Darlings Ford for a F-550 chassis with plow of \$39,495 with trade in. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.
 - b. Town Manager summarized recent presentations including an opinion from Engineer Greg Johnston suggesting the conceptual project is possible at this location. Also, a market analysis from Dawson Realtors suggested the value to be the same as assessed value of \$560,200. It is listed for \$770,000.
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Lydia Goetze moved to approve the new liquor application for Village Green Tavern; seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0. Lydia Goetze moved to approve the amusement permit Class D for Village Green Tavern between 11AM and 11PM; seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.
 - b. George Jellison moved to approve Eat-A-Pita liquor license renewal; seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

c. Tom Benson moved to affirm the Town Manager appointments for the 15/16 year term to be effective until June 30, 2016 which included following:

Adam Thurston	Harbormaster
Michael Miller	Acting Police Chief/Constable
Toni Ryan	Patrolman/constable
Franklin Burke	Patrolman/constable
Shawn Merchant	Patrolman/constable
Nicholas Hardwick, Sr.	Reserve Police Officer
Ryan Haines	Reserve Police Officer
Nicholas Hardwick, Jr.	Reserve Police Officer
Shawn Murphy	Reserve Police Officer
Tabbatha Newenham	Deputy Tax Collector
	Deputy Treasurer
	General Assistance Administrator

Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

d. Tom Benson moved to affirm Donald Lagrange as Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Plumbing Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Collector and Marilyn Lowell as Town Clerk; seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

Tom Benson moved to appoint the following to committees:

Eric Davis	Planning Board
James Geary	Board of Appeals
Lunn Sawyer	Board of Appeals
Paul Slaunwhite	Board of Appeals
Ben C. Worcester, III	Waste Prevention Committee
Donald Lodge	Warrant Committee

Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0/.

e. Manager Lagrange summarized computer, valve and actuator issues at the water department stating a temporary fix has been done however the primary changes will be done when water consumption is less in the late fall which will cost approximately \$150,000. Asked where the funds will come from depends on the life of the equipment, whether it will come from rate payers or tax payers.

f. Lydia Goetze moved to accept the seasonal water commitment of \$4,148.99 for the period April 15, 2014 to November 15, 2014, subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 11.25% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of June 1, 2015. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

Tom Benson moved to accept the summer water commitment of \$31,550.32 for the period April 15, 2015 to November 15, 2015 subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 11.25% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of June 18, 2015. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

Lydia Goetze moved to accept the summer sewer commitment of \$13,729.50 for the period April 15, 2015 to November 15, 2015 subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 7% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of June 18, 2015. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

i. Election of Officers

Tom Benson moved to nominate George Jellison a Chairman for the next fiscal year. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 3/0/1.

Lydia Goetze moved to nominate Tom Benson as Vice-Chairman, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 3/0/1.

VII. Other Business (Selectmen)

~ Lydia Goetze commented on the State/County fees that get shifted to property tax causing hardship to some taxpayers. Lagrange stated the League of Towns is looking at this issue as to how the County is managing their funds.

~ Tom Benson stated the League of Towns have been making a big contribution.

~ Lydia Goetze moved to discharge Donald Lagrange, Tax Collector from further liability or obligation to collect the balance of \$3,768.20 and acknowledge receipt of the tax lists for the taxable year of 2013. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

VIII. Tom Benson moved to accept the following warrants:

General Fund Warrants, FY 14-15; 171, 173, 176, 178

Sewer FY 14-15: 177

Water FY2015: 11

School FY14-15: 172, 174, 175

Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

IX. Next Meeting Date will be July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Town Office

X. ~ Tom Benson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (A), discussions pertaining to Personnel issues relating to Police Chief Position at 7:00 PM. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Lydia Goetze moved to adjourn execution session at 7:50 PM and return to regular meeting, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Tom Benson requested the job description for Police Chief include the candidate is physically capable to perform the duties as required. The ad for Police Chief as presented by Town Manager was amended. Lydia Goetze moved to accept the ad as amended, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Lydia Goetze moved to accept the job description as amended. Seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0. The ad is to be posted as soon as possible.

XI. Lydia Goetze moved to adjourn meeting at 7:59 PM, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.