

## SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Town Office @ 6:00 PM

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman George Jellison called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:00PM. In attendance: David Minctons, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange.

### II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda - None

### III. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Benson moved to approve minutes of May 24, 2016, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Lydia Goetze abstaining.

### IV. Manager's Report

~ The State valuation for towns and cities in Hancock County was presented.

~ DEP has responded to our inquiry to widen the ramp at the Manset Pier informing us a permit is required. Goodwin construction remains on board to provide the labor. Cost of permit application is \$450 and approximately \$800 for the preparation. Funds will be taken out of CIP for the Manset Pier.

~ The MDIRSS-AOS 91 Board has scheduled a workshop on Weds. June 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss long-range plans for the school district. Members of the community and town representatives are welcomed to be involved in this discussion.

~ The Maine Coastal Zone Management Program has approved full grant funding for the planning of the harbor. Should be receiving a contract in a few days. \$20,000 was requested with town participation of \$7,500.

~ The sprinkler system in the municipal building is inspected twice a year. A component of the main body of this aged system which prevents the flow of water from entering the system by air pressure pumped against a clapper valve has deteriorated to the point it may fail and cause the dry system to be turned into a wet system. The replacement cost is approximately \$5,000-6,000. It has been ordered to be replaced before winter to avoid any freeze ups in the attic should the system fill with water.

~ A few recent requests have been made to use the Village Green Veterans Park for small events where there would be a congregation on the grounds. These requests are being denied due to the purpose of the park as a memorial and it does not have the area for any event. The Town spends substantial funds each year for the maintenance of the park and it needs to be protected.

Also, any signs being displaying on Norwood Square will be required to be removed in respect of the purpose of that memorial.

~ Attached is a summary from MRC that states the new Fibreright facility can work even at lower tonnage down to 110,000 tons. It has been rumored that PERC will not process their tonnage rather simply transport all solid wastes to a land fill.

~ Olver Engineering is 95% complete with the survey of the lower Main Street sidewalk project and already had Emera and Fairpoint on site for pole relocation. Unlike Tremont who still have their utility poles in the middle of the newly installed sidewalk, Olver Engineering is doing what is necessary to pre-plan the project for the timely relocation of the utility poles. The design work is expected to be started this week. We have until the end of August for submittal of grant request to DOT. Remaining survey items are some utility locations.

~ FY 16-17 budget included a wage increase of 1.3% for budgeting purposes, however will only be 1% as a result of the Northeast Consumer Price Index (NE CPI) annual average in December, 2015 being only .5%. Union contracts require range of increase between 1-3% based on the CPI.

~ The Army Corp is no longer banning fisherman floats in the dredged area of the harbor. Therefore, we do not need to transfer ownership and they can remain where they are.

~ Durlin Lunt of Mount Desert sent a letter to County Commissioners to consider a full time person to administer the Spillman system through the county since it is currently being done by Ellsworth IT person.

- ~ Route 1-A construction has begun at Ellsworth from the Union River Bridge to Forest Avenue.
- V. Old Business: None
- VI. New Business:
- ~ A discussion regarding the new gateway sign and flagpole location was agreed to set both the flagpole and sign on the westerly side of Route 102, only to be moved 5-6' west of the current depiction as presented.
- ~ The Selectmen agreed by consensus to have one meeting during July and August to be scheduled on July 12<sup>th</sup> & August 9<sup>th</sup>
- ~ MMA Legislative Policy Committee requested nominations to serve on that committee with a time commitment of 10 hours per month for four months. The Selectmen will choose from the nominations when available from MMA.
- ~ Dan Norwood moved to approve the liquor license for Eat-A-Pita, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Lydia Goetze moved to approve the liquor license for Harbour Cottage Inn, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Prior to approving the liquor and amusement license for Joey's Place, Lydia Goetze questioned the unpaid real estate taxes as well as water and sewer arrears and suggested to require payment of unpaid debt. Manager Lagrange stated the debt service was probably not a qualifier to refuse approval, except if there were other legal issues that would be upheld by the State Liquor Commission. Dan Norwood moved to approve the liquor license, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0. Dan Norwood moved to approve the amusement permit for Joey's Place, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- VII. Other Business (Selectmen) Sludge Cost Comparison
- Manager Lagrange presented a cost comparison of sludge hauling from the sewer treatment plant comparing the first six months of 2015 which totaled \$18,582 to first six months of 2016 which was only \$5,570 due to the result of proper plant maintenance as supervised by District Manager Stephen Kenney. Previous staff were not dewatering properly causing excessive fluids being pumped out rather than the solids now being transported. He cautioned that a hauling bid not be recommended through the District Board of Trustees until going through a full cycle to determine the exact quantities to be priced out with the proper maintenance in place.
- VIII. Lydia Goetze moved to accept the following warrants, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.:
- General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16: 159  
Payroll Warrants: 155, 157, 160, 161  
Special Projects FY 15-16: None  
School FY15-16: 156, 158
- IX. Next Meeting Date:  
Regular Selectmen Meeting, June 28, 2016, Town Office 6:00 PM
- X. Tom Benson moved to go into executive session at 6:38 PM pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (a) relative to personnel matters to discuss annual review of the Town Manager seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- Lydia Goetze moved to adjourn executive session at 7:25 PM to return to regular meeting, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- Dan Norwood moved to enter into an agreement with Manager Lagrange to extend the employment contract for another year after the current contract, to expire June 30, 2018. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0. Changes to the proposed contract were suggested and the Board will sign the amended contract at their next meeting.
- XI. Adjourn Meeting

Tom Benson moved to adjourn meeting at 7:27PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.