

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Town Office @ 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

Jim Snow commented the job description for a bookkeeper replacement in the finance department was not sufficient to insure proper steps taken to protect the town and suggested the Selectmen is responsible for the internal structure of the department. Mr. Snow wanted the Board to be aware of changes to be protected. Chairman Jellison thanked Mr. Snow for his comments.

III. Lydia Goetze moved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2016, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

IV. Manager's Report

~ A copy of email was submitted stating there will not be any grant awards regarding efficient delivery of local and regional government services. We spent time putting together a grant request to assist in the purchase of police equipment to coordinate services with Mount Desert.

~ A bathroom bulletin board will be custom framed and when finished, Portland Glass will install sliding plexi-glass doors with locking mechanism. There will sufficient space for (40) 8 ½ x 11 ad posters for a seasonal fee of \$30.00 each. Another \$10 will provide use of a space for brochures. This will help pay for the maintenance of the bathrooms. Potential total space rental is \$1,400.

~ Remodeling costs for all four room areas here in the Town office including the new Selectmen's chamber include following: Stanley Electric – 16,303 for heating, air conditioning and general wiring; Franck's Acoustics Ceiling, 2,880; Riggs Rugs, 3,400; Eastern Fire for sprinkler drops, 2,600; Building materials and misc., 4,100. Approximate total \$29,300.

~ Either or both representatives of MRC, Greg Louder and Chip Reeves, will attend the public hearing of April 12th at the fire station to answer any questions regarding changing over from PERC to the Fiberite facility in Hampden in 20-18.

V. Old Business:

~ Sheryl Harper commented on the recent increase in the truck fee on Manset Pier as being inadequate considering the fact she is paying more than \$22,000 in taxes for the same business activity this truck is doing for \$5,000. She suggested the Selectmen reconsider the fee since this vendor does not sufficiently contribute to electricity and maintenance of the pier. Rob Bauer of Beal's stated the truck on the pier does not have to pay the huge property insurance which has increased substantially for Beal's Pier since hurricane Sandy and the town insurance was the only protection of the pier. Jim Snow commented the wear and tear of the pier from use by this truck is more than the \$5,000 charged.

It was suggested to get an opinion for the repairs needed vs. replacement of the pier to get some idea of costs.

~ Lee Worcester was unable to attend the meeting to discuss solid wastes issues as it pertained to the new Fiberite facility in Hampden which is slated to replace PERC. Lagrange stated either or both Chip Reeves and Greg Louder of the MRC board will attend the public hearing slated for April 12 at the Fire station to present the merits of the Town switching from PERC to the new MRC facility.

~ Lagrange expressed concern for the use by profit and non-profit groups of the Fire station meeting room regarding liability. He presented the original use policy and a proposed policy from MMA insurance and suggested to provide a revised document for future consideration. He also suggested a reasonable fee for the use of the room be

charged. Ingrid Kachmar suggested certificates of insurance naming the Town would be sufficient from most users.

~ The Board discussed the proposed Harbor Management Plan setting the date of April 14th for the first meeting. Several individuals were named as possible participants of the reviewing committee as well as inviting the Planning Board members and the members of the Harbor Committee.

VI. New Business:

~ The Town Clerk presented a list for election clerk nominations. Dan Norwood moved to affirm the Clerk's nominations, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood suggested due to the School Board being an elected board by the voters and have the knowledge for the maintenance and needs of the School, and where the Selectmen are not as knowledgeable for not being part of their budget process, the Selectmen should not make any recommendations. Lydia Goetze agrees about them being elected in a position to advise the Board on their recommendations. Chairman Jellison suggested the Board should either agree with the school board or make no recommendations. Ingrid Kachmar suggested support from the Board would be relevant. Final comments from Dan Norwood, Tom Benson and Lydia Goetze agrees the Board should support the school recommendations.

Tom Benson moved to accept the school budget articles 4 through 19, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

On the municipal budget warrant articles for the May Town meeting, Tom Benson moved to accept articles 20-35, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Tom Benson moved to accept Capital Improvement and Reserve warrant articles 36-48, seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Dan Norwood moved to accept warrant article 49 regarding the property tax levy limit, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Lydia Goetze moved to accept warrant article 50 which sets the interest rates for unpaid taxes, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Dan Norwood moved to accept warrant article 51 which reduces the amount to be raised by taxation by using estimated revenues and fund balances, seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Lydia Goetze moved to accept warrant article 52 which will allow the Town to apply for and receive money from the State of Maine which may become available during the ensuing year without further action by town meeting, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Dan Norwood moved to accept non-expenditure warrant articles 53-57, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Dan Norwood moved to accept secret ballot article 58 for the election of officers on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Tom Benson moved to accept question 1 on warrant article 59 regarding the repeal of the current floodplain management ordinance to remain in compliance with federal requirements, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Warrant article 60 asks the voters to approve the Town's participation in the new Fiberite facility in Hampden for disposal of solid wastes in place of using the PERC facility in Orrington due to contract termination in 2018. Tom Benson moved to accept, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Dan Norwood moved to accept warrant article 61 requesting the voters to appropriate the sum of \$129,382 from surplus funds to increase the Capital Improvement Reserve fund for highway garage reconstruction and projected road projects. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Lydia Goetze moved to accept warrant article 62 to enact a fireworks ordinance to prohibit the sale and use of consumer fireworks in the Town of Southwest Harbor. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 3/2/0 with Dan Norwood and Dave Minctons against.

~ Dan Norwood moved to make a recommendation not to approve the fireworks consumer ordinance article 62 and that it not have passage. He suggested to place this recommendation in the newsletter to all residents. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. Other Business (Selectmen)

There was no other business presented by the Selectmen

VIII. Lydia Goetze moved to accept following warrants:

General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16; 123, 125, 127

Special Projects FY 15-16:

School FY15-16: 124, 126

IX. Next Meeting Date:

Public Hearing, Warrant Articles

Fire Station, April 12, 2016 @ 6:00PM

Regular Selectmen Meeting immediately following public hearing

X. Dan Norwood moved to adjourn meeting at 7:58 PM, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.