

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

None

III. Approval of Minutes:

Lydia Goetze moved to approve the February 23rd minutes of the Forest Avenue public hearing, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/1 with David Minctons abstaining due to not in attendance at the meeting.

Dan Norwood moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 23, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/1 with David Minctons abstaining.

IV. Manager's Report

~ Municipal Review Committee info videos are available on their website 'municipal.review.committee1@gmail.com'

~ The police telephone system has been in use the past sixteen years and not replaced when the police department was remodeled. It is malfunctioning, dropping calls and voice mail not working. A replacement system has been ordered and the approximate \$5,400 cost will be paid out of dispatch CIP.

~ Attached is a quarterly review of assessments of properties on Map 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21 and 22. A net gain in valuation of \$466,200 resulted from assessor's inspections.

~ A building valuation update has been received from MMA Risk Management Services updating the Telemetry Building, Harbormasters Office, New Bathroom Building and the Old Bathroom Building.

~ So far, the best we can get for the Bobcat is \$1,011.85 from the insurance carrier. There is however another issue not considered due to a pump malfunctioning as a result of the accident which will be sent to the adjusters for consideration.

~ The Manager provided a current policy for using the meeting room at the Fire Station. Which also included a proposal to amend the current policy. This was provided for future discussions.

~ A copy of the grant application for Forest Avenue reconstruction was provided for review. It has been sent to the review committee.

~ The Harbor House has hired an engineer to evaluate the roof per MMA request.

~ Tim Gott will be installing a water main to a property owner at the end of Ledge Road. The District will probably upgrade the size to a 6" line to accommodate other properties. The road opening permit was calculated at \$8,550 but Mr. Gott agreed to lay a 2" coarse asphalt base up to the width of road, the entire length of 511 feet and the Town agreed to a \$1,000 road opening permit.

V. Old Business:

~ Tom Benson moved to place on the ballot "Shall the inhabitants of the Town of Southwest Harbor vote to enact a consumer fireworks ordinance to prohibit the sale and use of consumer fireworks", seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 3/2/0 with Dan Norwood and David Minctons voting against.

~ Lydia Goetze moved to certify the official text of the proposed ordinance as written, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

~ A report was submitted by EMR showing a five year record of solid waste averaging 1,855 tons per year. Lagrange stated Lee Worcester of EMR will be present at the next meeting to discuss solid waste in more detail. Also, a request was sent to Chip Reeves of Bar Harbor and the MRC Director to present the Fiberite proposal at the public hearing before the voters decide on changing from PERC to MRC Fiberite facilities.

VI. New Business:

~ Manager Lagrange suggested a salt-sand reserve be placed on the ballot requesting \$5,000 from undesignated surplus funds. This is an item that can reduce regular municipal budgeting by replacing only what is used during the season rather than appropriating the full amount each year with balances going to surplus funds. It is estimated a significant balance at the end of the FY 15-16 budget cycle which can be added to this reserve account reducing the need for appropriation in the FY 16-17 budget. Generally, \$10,000 is budgeted for sand and \$27,000 for salt.

~ Nancy Weingarten presented Warrant Committee recommendations. The committee was in agreement with the Board of Selectmen for the municipal budget with exception of the Harbor CIP budget requesting an additional \$20,000 for the upper town dock. The Selectmen suggested the current budget of nearly \$70,000 after the approval of the FY 16-17 budget is ample for the maintenance of the stairs and catwalk. The Committee also suggested a reduced school budget request in six warrants. Eric Henry stated he will check if the individual articles are approved as requested, can the final appropriation article be reduced by vote to allow the School Committee to expend in the individual articles as needed.

~ The Select board agreed to have workshops in April to talk broadly about harbor issues in hopes the Harbor Comm members, Planning Board members and other interested citizens will participate to think broadly about what we want our harbor to be like 10 years from now. Manager Lagrange stated the Harbor is economic hub of the Town and needs focus.

VII. Other Business (Selectmen)

~ Lagrange required signatures on the previously approved parking ordinance.

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

~ Tom Benson moved to accept the General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16; 120, 121, 122, Special Projects FY 15-16: None and School warrants FY15-16: 118, 119. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

IX. Next Meeting Date:

~ Regular Selectmen Meeting, Tuesday March 22, 2016
Town Office @ 6:00 PM

~ Public Hearing, April 12 at the Fire Station (Ballot Questions)

X. Adjourn Meeting

~ Dan Norwood moved to adjourn meeting at 7:46 PM, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.