Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

- I. Chairman Lydia Goetze called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:38 pm after the Special Town meeting at the Southwest Harbor Fire Station. In attendance were George Jellison, Dan Norwood, Chad Terry, Ryan Donahue, Manager Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda: None
- III. Approval of Minutes:
- ~ George Jellison moved to accept meeting minutes of July 18, 2017, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Ryan Donahue abstaining.
- ~ Chad Terry moved to accept minutes of special meeting of July 25, 2017, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- VI. Manager's Report
- ~ A sample letter mailed to abutters from Olver Engineering regarding the infrastructure improvements for 2018 season was presented.
- ~ It seems there is no choice for MMA election of vice president and executive committee members. If the Board so chooses, I will respond as Town designee. (Consensus)
- ~ A letter from Stu Snyder of Beal's Lobster indicated vandalism of vehicle while attending cruise ships public hearing.
- ~ The municipal commitment for the 17/18 tax year indicated the mil rate remains at 12.86/M for the fifth year in a row. Due to increase in homestead exemption to \$20,000, residents will see savings of up to another \$64 this year. To achieve a constant mil rate, the overlay was reduced from \$92,000 (FY 16-17) to \$75,500, a difference of \$16,500.
- The authority of the Police is to enforce the parking ordinance as approved. They do not have the discretion to modify the rules. Generally, police officers are too busy during the season to act as parking enforcers and we budgeted for a parking enforcement officer to serve this purpose. The Chief and staff will, however, review the parking ordinance in its entirely this fall and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for season of 2018.
- ~ The Manset ramp project will begin August 21.
- ~ The effective date for nonemergency legislation is November 1, 2017 at which time we can appoint (2) water/sewer trustees.
- ~ There will be a pre-deposition meeting with Town Counsel in Augusta on August 28.
- ~ A deposition has been scheduled for August 31, location unknown at this time.
- ~ Mediation has been scheduled for September 14. More discussion in executive session at the Selectmen meeting of September 12.
- V. Old Business:
- ~ Noel Musson summarized the efforts of the Harbor Planning Committee with a preliminary Harbor Management Plan. Final details and plan will be submitted in near future.
- VI. New Business:
- ~ The Chairman took the appointments out of order:
- ~ Chad Terry moved to appoint John Stanley to the Harbor and Shellfish Committee, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Ryan Donahue moved to appoint Chris Rawls to a five year tern for the Planning Board, seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Chad Terry moved to appoint Aimee Williams to the Historic Cemetery Committee for a one year term, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- George Jellison moved to appoint Jesse Dunbar to a three year term on the Warrant Committee, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ The Board discussed the upcoming Marathon Project and Village Green Arts which be held in October. The Board approved the plan submitted by Village Green Arts to include a stage area and a portable shower unit to be located on Town property. Ryan Donahue moved to approve the plan subject to the portable shower unit being located in the upper parking lot behind the municipal building, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Nina St Germain presented a proposal to develop more community involvement through a website called Polco.usa. Bar Harbor is currently using this benefit and there is an effort to create an island wide system.
- ~ Chad Terry moved to approve a Going Gold Proclamation in an effort to support Childhood Cancer Awareness, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0.

- ~ Chad Terry moved to approve the new street name of Eastview Lane located off Freeman Ridge due to the construction of a second dwelling on the same driveway, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Manager Lagrange presented a revised infrastructure proposal for 2018. Original proposal to reduce the grade on Robinson Hill resulted in extensive utilities reconstruction increasing the cost to \$850,000. It was determined to limit the scope to reclamation to reduce the drag at the toe of the street and add curbing for drainage. Dan Norwood moved to authorize Town Manager to enter into agreement with Olver Engineers to complete project, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Due to the narrow traveled way on Harbor Avenue, Manager Lagrange requested no parking signs be placed on both sides of the street. Dan Norwood moved to authorize posting signs, seconded by Ryan Donahue and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VII. Other Business: None

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

~ George Jellison moved to accept following warrants:

General Fund Warrants, FY 16-17: 137 General Fund Warrants, FY 17-18: 16

Payroll Warrants: FY 17-18: 9, 10, 11, 13, 15

School FY17-18: 8, 14

School Payroll FY 17-18: 7, 12

IX. Next Meeting Date:

Selectmen Meeting, Tuesday September 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM at the Town Office

- X. Dan Norwood moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (C) to discuss acquisition of real property at 8:11 PM, seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Ryan Donahue moved to adjourn executive session at 9:05 PM, seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- ~ Ryan Donahue moved to authorize Town Manager to offer the firm sum of \$325,000 to Ken Korona for the purchase of land known as Post Office parking area, this amount based on reference to other land appraisals. Seconded by Chad Terry and voted in favor 4/1/0 with George Jellison voting against.
- XI. Chad Terry moved to adjourn meeting at 9:07 PM, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.