



Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
Southwest Harbor Fire Station

MINUTES

Chairman Chad Terry opened the Special Informational Session at 6:00. In attendance George Jellison Jr., Lydia Goetze, Kristin Hutchins, Ryan Donahue, Assistant Manager Marilyn Lowell and Manager Justin VanDongen. There were approximately 50 members of the public also present.

I. Raw Water Station Renovation Bond-Steve Kenney gave a brief description of the renovation needed at the raw water lift station. Don Lodge felt that informational handout was useful to understand the project and that he believes voters will support funding 20 year plus projects. Jim Vekasi added that he feels the entire Town benefits from the operation of the district and feels the entire Town should fund the infrastructure of District. Justin VanDongen gave a brief explanation of the plan to address the larger funding model question at the next annual Town Meeting. Steve clarified the bond terms and the expected life of the upgraded facility. Ryan Donahue asked if the loan could be paid off early and Steve confirmed that there is no penalty. Dan Norwood asked if the Town needed to vote on this or if the Selectmen could do this without a Town Meeting. Justin stated that entering into a long-term repayment agreement would require a Town-wide vote.

II. Proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance-There was an updated ordinance was brought forward to address the fee for paper bags that would be problematic for store owners. The new language would allow stores to still give out paper bags. Noel Musson stated that most businesses were on board with the proposed ordinance. Assistant Manager at the Food Mart, stated that they supported the proposed ordinance and they would make paper bags and reusable bags available to their customers. A group of students clarified that biodegradable or compostable bags need to be returned to special facilities for processing. There were a number of residents that spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. Noel Musson explained that they would like to have this presented at a Special Town Meeting in order to allow businesses to plan for plastic bag alternatives before next summer's busy season.

III. Proposed Polystyrene Foam Food Container Ordinance-The student group explained that the Polystyrene Foam Ordinance was presented separately to make forward motion on the Plastic Bag Ordinance if the community was not ready to move forward with the polystyrene portion. It was clarified that the ordinance only applies to polystyrene foam and not to all plastics. Noel Musson explained that it only applies to food service and not grocery stores but there are alternatives for grocery store containers as well.

I. Chairman Chad Terry called the regular Selectmen's meeting to order at 6:45. Most members of the public left after the informational session.

II. No visitors to be heard not on agenda.

III. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes for 10/9/2018, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.

Chad Terry asked if there was any objection to pushing the Manager's report to the end and moving to new business item D, appointment of Dan Norwood to the Shellfish Commission. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to appoint Dan C. Norwood to a three-year term on the Shellfish Commission to expire on June 30, 2021, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.

V. A. Lydia Goetze presented questions she would like to post on Polco and requested that updated ordinances be put on the website. George Jellison asked when the Polco contract ends and Lydia explained that it was extended to the end of the year at no cost. George expressed that he didn't think the Town should be polling the Town before a vote. Lydia expressed that we are using it get information out to a younger group of voters.

Motion made by Lydia Goetze to post questions 1, 3, and 5 on Polco with the addition of a link to the Ordinances on the Town website, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 4-1-0, George Jellison voted against.

B. Justin VanDongen asked how the Board wished to proceed with the ordinance and bond questions. George Jellison stated that he feels the ordinance questions should be on the next local ballot in the spring to get the broadest range of voters. Lydia Goetze expressed there has been good turnout at the last two Special Town Meetings. Bonnie Norwood reminded the Board that it was discussed in August and a Special Town Meeting was preferred at that time because it was the least expensive option.

Motion made by Lydia Goetze to have a Special Town Meeting November 13, 2018 at 6:30pm, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 4-1-0, George Jellison voted against.

The Board requested that a handout be made available at the November 6 polls that explained the Special Town Meeting.

Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to accept the wording of the Raw Water Bond question for the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.

Motion made by Lydia Goetze to accept the wording of the Plastic Bag and Polystyrene Ordinances and place those questions on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0.

C. Justin VanDongen presented a proposed consent agreement with MDI Lobster and Sheryl Harper that was worked out with Eric Columber. Consensus of the Board was to add language that MDI Lobster make appropriate application to install a permanent freezer that abates the noise.

Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to accept the Consent Agreement with MDI Lobster and Sheryl Harper with the additional requirement that MDI Lobster make appropriate application for a permanent solution, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.

VI. A. Justin VanDongen informed the Board of the two bids received for removal of trees from the Old Burying Grounds. Some clarification was needed before the bid could be awarded. Scott Alley explained that last time the Town had firewood available it went to waste at the Public Works facility. The Board agreed that it may be best to have the wood hauled away.

B. Justin VanDongen presented the bids received for the engineering work on the new public works garage. Olver Engineering was the apparent low bidder at \$8,500 and the only other bid was CES at \$20,385. Ryan Donahue stated that he would like to see a cap on the money spent on the engineering. Justin VanDongen stated that the only additional expense would be based on the Town's request for changes. The bid will be awarded to Olver Engineering.

C. Justin VanDongen presented the proposed State Valuation and a sheet showing the history of SW Harbor and surrounding communities. He explained some of the market conditions that go in to the State Valuation.

IV. Justin VanDongen reviewed the attached Manager's report. Lydia Goetze requested that once the financial situation is figured out, a workshop should be held to understand the budget process in conjunction with the warrant committee.

VII. Justin VanDongen presented a request for abatement from the Assessor for a previous tax year. The property was inadvertently assessed to the plumber on the project rather than the property owner.

Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to approve the abatement for Map 16 Lot 1-5 in the name of Greg Haas, seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 5-0-0.

VIII. George Jellison made a motion to approve warrants:

General Fund Warrants: FY 18-19: 38, 41

Payroll Warrants: FY 18-19: 39, 40

School: FY 18-19: 36, 37

seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 5-0-0.

IX. Next meeting set for November 13, 2018 at 4:30pm.

X. George Jellison made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0.