



Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M.
Southwest Harbor Fire Department

MINUTES

I. Chairman Chad Terry called the regular Selectmen's meeting to order at 4:30. In attendance George Jellison Jr., Lydia Goetze, Kristin Hutchins, Ryan Donahue, Assistant Manager Marilyn Lowell, Harbormaster Adam Thurston and Manager Justin VanDongen. There were approximately 4 members of the public also present.

II. Jim Calhoun presented the recommendations of the Shellfish Committee for 2019 shellfish licenses. The committee recommended that an unlimited number of recreational licenses be sold and no commercial licenses be sold. Lydia Goetze made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0. Fernald Cove will remain closed May through October due to the DMR testing positive for bacteria in one sample.

III. Lydia Goetze made a motion to approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes for 10/23/2018, seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 5-0-0.

IV. Justin VanDongen reviewed attached Manager's Report. The consensus of the Board was that the MDI Lobster consent agreement need to be in place prior to the next meeting or the Town should begin the enforcement action

V. A. This was discussed in the Manager's Report.

B. The Board discussed the cemetery tree removal bids and the difference between the bids and amounts. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to approve acceptance of Eagle Arboriculture for cemetery tree removal, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.

C. The survey of the Hook property to find the Highest Annual Tide is complete. The Harbor Committee submitted a request to begin work on clearing vegetation from the property in preparation for further work. Kristin Hutchins suggested that the Harbor Committee make the case for increased funding if they would like to make sure improvements meet the expectations of the voters. Justin VanDongen, Adam Thurston, and Scott Alley will meet to work out a plan to move forward.

VI. A. The updated tax acquired property list and properties at risk of tax foreclosure were presented to the Board. Justin VanDongen requested clarification of the Board's position on how to handle property repurchase. The Board requested further information about tax acquired property in order to develop a policy that handles all tax acquired property equitably.

B. Special event application for the MDI YMCA Triathlon was tabled until a future meeting. The Board requested that a representative of the YMCA attend to answer questions about the event.

C. The National Park Service shared the data from the traffic counter placed on the Long Pond Road.

D. Jim Geary formally resigned from the Water and Sewer District Board. Lydia Goetze made a motion to accept his resignation with thanks and regret effective immediately, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0. There will be two vacancies as Jim Vekasi has asked not to be reappointed. Lee Worcester sent a letter expressing his interest in continuing to serve on the Board.

E. Board briefly discussed Holiday closing schedule and holiday gifts. Decision of office schedule tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Chad Terry asked Board members to be careful about replying to emails sent to the group and make sure that replies do not go out to multiple Board members. Winter sand bids came back and the low bid was \$9/yard from John Goodwin.

VIII. Lydia Goetze made a motion to approve warrants:

General Fund Warrants, FY 18-19: 49
Payroll Warrants: FY 18-19: 44, 45, 48
School FY 18-19: 42, 43, 46

seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0.

IX. Next meeting set for November 27, 2018 at 6:00pm.

X. Ryan Donahue made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm, seconded by Lydia Goetze, approved 5-0-0.