



Board of Selectmen
Tuesday November 12, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
Town Office, Southwest Harbor

MINUTES

I. Chairwoman Lydia Goetze called the regular Selectmen's meeting to order at 6:00pm. In attendance Chad Terry, Kristin Hutchins, Ryan Donahue, Snap Willey, Manager Justin VanDongen and Assistant Town Manager Marilyn Lowell.

II. Mike Levesque requested the Board adjust the fee for his appeal to the Appeals Board as the wrong fee was posted on the website. Motion made by Ryan Donahue to reduce the fee for this appeal based on the posted fee, seconded by Snap Willey, approved 4-1-0, Kristen Hutchins opposed.

III. Motion made by Ryan Donahue to approve the minutes from October 8, 2019, seconded by Kristin Hutchins passed 5-0-0. Motion made by Ryan Donahue to approve the minutes from October 22, 2019, seconded by Snap Willey passed 5-0-0.

IV. See attached Manager's Report. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to award the sand bid to John Goodwin Jr at \$9/cubic yard, seconded by Chad Terry, passed 5-0-0. Motion made by Ryan Donahue to award the salt bid to New England Salt at \$53.90/ton, seconded by Snap Willey, passed 5-0-0.

V. a. Motion made by Chad Terry to appoint Ronald Weiner to the Harbor Committee, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, passed 5-0-0.

b. Fire Chief Tom Chisholm updated the Board about progress in the department. The department has 22 volunteers. There have been 120 calls this year. Southwest Harbor covered Farmington for a day due to the explosion there. Mutual aid agreements are working well. He received grant funding for field gear for non-structure fires and a full set of turnout gear. Fire Wise Study was provided to the Town. Talked about allowing the Ambulance Service to temporarily store the ambulance at the Fire Station. Talked about working with other communities to look at a fire boat grant.

c. Town Manager VanDongen requested approval from the Board to authorize 80k enforcement of the Notice of Violation for the property of John and Martha Williams, Map 3 Lot 3. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to authorize the 80k enforcement, seconded by Ryan Donahue. Board discussed the notice of violation and the planning board approved plans. Ryan asked about the waiver offered by John Williams and Manager VanDongen explained why that was not accepted by the Town. Town Manager explained that this was not the forum to settle the merits of the violation. Mr. Williams indicated he will go to the Planning Board to change the plans. Motion passed 5-0-0.

VI. a. The Board discussed the results of the Marijuana Straw Poll. The Town is pretty evenly divided on the questions on the straw poll. Caregiver Retail Storefronts drew the most support. Kristin stated that the turnout and results, in her opinion, showed that voters wanted to move forward. There was discussion that there should be ordinance changes prepared in advance of the opt-in vote. Manager VanDongen specified the difference between the Land Use Ordinance changes and using a Licensing Ordinance to further regulate. Ryan Donahue wanted to gather more information from other communities that are going through this. Manager VanDongen presented the idea of forming a Committee to draft the ordinance changes and authorizing language. State licensing process was discussed. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to have Manager VanDongen put together a list of participants for the Board to review and place on the committee, seconded by Snap Willey, passed 5-0-0.

VII. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to vote for Tony Smith on the MRC ballot, seconded by Chad Terry, passed 4-1-0 Snap Willey opposed. Manager VanDongen will follow up about the bridge closure on 102.

VIII. Ryan Donahue made a motion to Accept & Sign Warrants:

General Fund Warrants: FY 19-20: 53

Payroll Warrants: FY 19-20: 48, 50 and 52

School: FY 19-20: 46, 47 and 51

Bond: 49

Seconded by Chad Terry, approved 5-0-0.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Regular Selectmen Meeting, Tuesday November 26, 2019 @ 6:00 PM. December will just have one meeting Tuesday December 17, 2019.

X. Motion made by Chad Terry to adjourn at 7:45, seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 5-0-0.