



**Board of Selectmen**  
Tuesday February 28, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Pemetic School Library, Southwest Harbor

**MINUTES**

I. Chairman Chad Terry called the regular Selectmen's meeting to order at 6:00pm. In attendance George Jellison Jr, Kristin Hutchins, Ryan Donahue, Manager Justin VanDongen, members of the School Board (Dani Piquette-Kelly, James Sawyer, Ingrid Wilbur-Kachmar), Principal Rhonda Fortin, Superintendent Marc Gousse, AOS Business Manager Nancy Thurlow, and members of the Warrant Committee (Jesse Dunbar, Ann Heisey, John Williams, Ellen Nolan, Carolyn Ball, Ruth Davis). Lydia Goetze was absent and excused. There were approximately 3 members of the public also present.

II. Superintendent Marc Gousse presented the Pemetic School Budget that was approved earlier in the day by the School Board. He reported that Pemetic School is not a big receiver of State funding but that amount is going up under the proposed budget. The total budget approved by the School Board was \$3,854,244 including making the math specialist a 100% position. The Town appropriation as approved would be \$4,232 more than last year an increase of 0.13%. He also reported that although salaries are rising significantly, there were concessions on health insurance. Marc Gousse informed the Board that as the debt service on the building ends, they will be looking to plan for upgrades to the building.

III. No visitors to be heard.

IV. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of January 22, 2019, seconded by Ryan Donahue, 4-0-0.

Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to approve the Selectboard Budget Meeting minutes of February 12, 2019, seconded by Ryan Donahue, 3-0-1 George Jellison abstained.

V. Manager VanDongen reviewed the attached Manager's Report. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the FY18 surplus to the Salt and Sand Reserve Account, seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 4-0-0. Consensus of the Board was to pursue an easement for the parking along the north side of the drug store as long as no parking was reserved for specific businesses. Manager VanDongen reported that he discussed dispatch options at the last League of Towns meeting and will meet with the County as well as Bar Harbor and Mount Desert to discuss options further.

VI. a. Anne Napier asked that the Board put the Harbor Management Plan up as an amendment to the comprehensive plan at the next Town Meeting. Ryan Donahue made a motion to place the Harbor Management Plan on the Town Meeting warrant as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 4-0-0.

b. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to appoint Daniel Farley to the vacant seat on the Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees, seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 3-0-1 Chad Terry abstained.

VII. a. Mike Magnani presented the requested changes to the Land Use Ordinance moved forward by the Planning Board which held public hearings. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to place the Land Use Ordinance amendments on the Town ballot, seconded by George Jellison. Mike Magnani explained that the first amendment was just housekeeping due to the change to a Water/ Sewer District. The second amendment is to reduce the minimum dwelling size from 500 square feet to 250 square feet. He said this would provide more affordable housing options. Motion approved 4-0-0.

b. The Board accepted the resignation of Mike Magnani from the Planning Board. Chad Terry and Justin VanDongen presented a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to the Town of Southwest Harbor.

c. Planning Board member appointment tabled until the next meeting.

d. Ryan Donahue made a motion to appoint Thomas Bosch-Willet as a full-time police officer and constable, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 4-0-0. The Board would like him to come in to a future meeting to meet the Board.

VIII. Manager VanDongen presented the Board with the expected Hancock County assessments. It appears that the Southwest Harbor assessment will go up less than \$4,000 and the projected mil rate will go down based on a smaller than expected increase. He also informed the Board that the High School assessment is also lower than projected. Manager VanDongen provided the Board with a packet of information about the Statute and recommendations for debt relative to Town value. Chad Terry informed the manager that the flashing school lights north of the school were flashing too slowly. George Jellison passed out a letter to the Board that he wanted them to read for a future discussion about the costs of the playground. Manager VanDongen will follow up with the school to get a breakdown of the final costs.

IX. Kristin Hutchins made a motion to Accept & Sign Warrants:

General Fund Warrants: FY 18-19: 87

Payroll Warrants: FY 18-19: 85, 86

School: FY 18-19: 83, 84, 88

Seconded by Ryan Donahue, approved 4-0-0.

X. Next Meeting Date: Regular Selectmen Meeting, Tuesday March 12, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

XI. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to adjourn, seconded by George Jellison, approved 4-0-0.