



## Select Board

Remote via Zoom Meetings

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Dial In: (301)715-8592 Meeting ID: 878 1527 1877

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 @ 6:00pm

### MINUTES

I. Chairwoman Kristin Hutchins called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm, Present were board Members Carolyn Ball, Snap Willey, and George Jellison, Town Manager Justin VanDongen and members of the public, Chad Terry was excused.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda – Mike Levesque brought up the discussion of Pemetic School withdrawing from the AOS 91 School district, Members of the board advised him to speak with School Board Members about his concerns.

III. Minutes of July 28, 2020 – Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 as presented, Seconded by Snap Willey. Passed 3-0-1 with Carolyn Ball abstaining.

#### IV. Manager's Report

- COVID-19 School Reopening – Justin VanDongen gave an update from the most recent School board meeting. Schools will reopen September 8<sup>th</sup>, via remote only until September 25<sup>th</sup>, and they will revisit at that time. Teachers are proposed to be in the school during this time, there are some things that need to be done at the schools before welcoming students back. Further discussion was had on remote learning versus a hybrid options.

- Mt Height Cemetery –Justin VanDongen explained that when the ballot was created, the article for Mt Height was left off, we will need to add this to the November ballot. We will need to take the money out of surplus, this will not affect taxes. Justin explained a few other errors with article numbers at the end of the ballot.

- Manset Town Dock – A meeting was held at the Manset Town Dock area with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Maine DEP on the design, Permitting costs were estimated to be around \$6 per square foot for extending past the high tide line. The Harbor Master and Chip Reeves are working on a plan to create a straight line for the retaining wall. Both the Army Corp and Maine DEP seemed on board with the plan. Expect a plan with cost estimates around mid-September.

- Fiberight – All our trash is going to PERC, no additional cost to the public. If you do not want the recyclables to go to PERC you will need to hold onto them until Fiberight is back online in a few months.

Covid-19 Grant – Pre-Approval came in for the additional \$18,000 second round grant.

#### V. New Business:

a. Water and Sewer District Request – Justin VanDongen explained this is not a new request. Kristin Hutchins stated that while she supports the Water and Sewer District she feels the money should come from user fees. George Jellison asked for clarification on what the district was requesting. Justin VanDongen gave an overview that the Select Board had approved a certain amount previously for the work and the estimates came in higher. The Board approved paying for some additional money, with the remainder being paid from the district. George Jellison asked if it would be coming from the Water/Sewer CIP. Justin explained there was not a lot in there and this would make a sizable dent and may not be the best use of the CIP at this time. Discussion was had regarding the sewer department not breaking even financially. Kristin Hutchins asked if the Board was interested in changing its opinion from the last time this was reviewed. The consensus was no.

b. Long Pond Road, No Parking Request ANP – Acadia National Park reached out about posting parking signs along the curve down into Long Pond. Scott Alley explained that it is probably 3 or 4 car lengths up the hill on the pond side that is the issue. Justin VanDongen explained it will probably push the parking up towards the treatment plant. Carolyn Ball expressed she feels it is a park issue of not having enough parking. No action taken to eliminate parking on the hill.

c. Maine Municipal Ballot – George Jellison moved to have Justin VanDongen sign the ballot. Kristin Hutchins seconds, Passed 4-0-0

d. Disposal of Town Property, Float – The Harbormaster has requested we dispose of a float that has been stored at Chalmers, Justin VanDongen suggests putting it out to bid. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to put the float out to bid per the Harbormaster and Town Manager's recommendation, Seconded by Snap Willey, Passed 4-0-0.

e. Kiosks for Parking Lots and Downtown – Justin VanDongen explained he asked Jesse Dunbar to get a quote on having parking kiosks installed for parking downtown, municipal lots, and the 3 dock parking lots. Residents would receive a permit with their vehicle registration, and therefore not pay for the parking. George Jellison expressed he had no interest; he believes it will cause more problems for local people, does not believe we should start charging for parking. Kristin Hutchins clarified that residents would be exempt. There would still be a parking officer. The system is a pay and display meter. Carolyn Ball mentioned the plate recognition system that Bar Harbor uses. Carolyn Ball pointed out it is a way to reduce the tax burden on citizens by charging visitors, this would pay for paving, snow removal etc. Kristin Hutchins agreed. Carolyn Ball would like better signage for parking areas if we were to do a payment system, Justin VanDongen explained that we are in the midst of creating parking signage. Consensus of the board is that there is not sufficient interest to look into this further at this time.

## VI. Old Business:

a. Town Garage – The Town may be able to lease or purchase a building located behind the Town Garage, currently owned by 3 owners, 2 of which are potentially interested in selling it. MMA Risk Management has been out to the site and will send a report on what needs to be done. The cost is expected to be significantly less than building on the current site as previously proposed. It is 4 bays. It abuts our property in the back and it would require a stream crossing to access from our current lot. Kristin Hutchins asked if purchasing this building would mean we could avoid the DEP costs associated with the construction on the current site, VanDongen stated it was not a large portion of the costs and it would be best to do it. The consensus of the Board was that they were on board with exploring this option further. Scott Alley said this building would house the school buses as well. VanDongen said it meets the specifications that it would need to and believes it would be significantly less than the building that was originally proposed. Discussion was had about access to the site via Marshall Brook Rd and putting in the road and stream crossing to connect the site to the existing Town Garage site.

VII. Other Business/Consent Items (Selectmen) – Kristin Hutchins asked how the office was going, and how the vote was going. Justin VanDongen said it was a rough start with the ballot machine not counting. We were able to borrow a ballot machine from Tremont. The Office is going well; the office will be closed during Wednesday and Thursday for some Trio training.

## VIII. Accept:

Motion by Kristin Hutchins to accept

General Fund Warrants: FY20: 141 FY:21: 11

Payroll Warrants: FY21: 8, 9, 10 & Payroll dated 8/6/20 & 8/13/20

Seconded by George Jellison, Passed 4-0-0

IX. Next Meeting Date: August 25, 2020 Regular Selectmen's meeting will be at the Fire Station so we can be spaced out accordingly. Carolyn Ball asked about having a Zoom option for the Public, Carolyn Ball expressed she would like to continue to broadcast via Zoom. The consensus of the board was to continue to offer the zoom for the public as an option.

## X. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn by George Jellison, Seconded by Kristin Hutchins. Passed 4-0-0

Minutes Prepared by Jesse Dunbar