

Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.
Southwest Harbor Town Office

Minutes of Meeting

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
Present: George Jellison, Jr., Ralph Dunbar, Jr., Tom Benson, David Minctons and Donald Lagrange, Town Manager. Dan Norwood excused.
Visitors: David Chapais
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda; none
- III. Approval of Minutes of April 24th, 2012: It was Moved (Minctons) and Seconded (Benson) to approve the minutes of April 24, 2012 as presented.
Vote: 4 – 0.
- IV. Warrants: Administration 170,171,173,174 Water 11
Sewer 35 School 172 Special Project 10
Jellison asked the Board if they were willing to sign a letter of thanks to Sue Lessard. The letter was signed by Board members present.
- V
IV. New Business
- a. Seal Cove Road Project (Benson): Benson said there have been a couple more meetings of the Infrastructure Committee and they would like to propose moving ahead with Seal Cove Road and the short stretch of Hillcrest Acres. Referencing the Olver study, the Seal Cove road is high on the list. Benson said with this project there are no utilities plus there is a \$50k grant, and the committee feels this is the project that we can afford with the budget we have this year. The town will purchase the box culvert and when you review the area, there are 8 businesses on that road, and 58 residential lots, making the road a very busy road. It is the recommendation to move ahead with about 2,000 plus linear feet doing a full reconstruction, grinding pavement, adding gravel and raising the road some, with ditch improvement as needed. Dunbar said if we are going to do this road we should be looking at water being put down there to Marshall Brook. Lagrange said he doesn't recommend running water down the Seal Cove Road, but recommends coming in the back way to Marshall Brook. Lagrange said the park is not interested, as they do not need water in that area. Dunbar said it would appear to be a shorter distance down the Seal Cove Road than to come in from the back. Lagrange said the Town would benefit by putting the water line in from the back as it would go through Marshall Brook first, and pick up all the houses along the way. He would like time to work with Mr. Goodwin to see the value of coming in through the back way. Benson said there are two subdivisions there with established easements/right of way which the Town could stay within to get the water down there. Dunbar asked for a ballpark figure to run water down to Marshall Brook. Lagrange said it

would be at least \$165,000. Jellison asked the time frame – Corrigan said it would be August, and was recommended by the Park and Inland Fisheries. The timeframe for the start and completion is end of July, beginning of August. The road will only be closed for 3 days, per Corrigan. Lagrange said there will be a three or four day period when the culvert is being installed that will be difficult. Lagrange said the neighborhood will be well informed. Dunbar asked about the grant. Lagrange said there is a time limit on the \$50,000. Jellison said the Board developed the subcommittee to look at these issues, and there are no other projects out there this year. Benson said as a sub-committee they feel this is a priority. It was Moved Benson and Seconded Minctons, to move forward with the Seal Cove Road reconstructions of approximately 2,070 lineal feet, from the intersection at the Long Pond Road to a point just west of the easterly culvert at Marshall Brook, for a cost of approximately \$205,545. Vote: 3 – 1 (Dunbar)

b. Review Town Meeting (discussion): We know that there were two articles to be re-written with proper wording. Lagrange said if there are other issues to discuss, the Board would know better. Chapais said someone usually made a motion to eliminate reading a motion more than once.

1) Format – worked well, enjoyed the show choir. Need more advanced notice next year for school presentations. Jellison said the Q & A should have started at promptly at 6pm.

2) Goals

3) Other discussion

c. Municipal Collaboration Workshop (discussion): Jellison said he would like input – how many will attend: Benson, Minctons and Jellison will attend – Dunbar will try to attend. Jellison asked if the Board should pursue the training facility. Dunbar said he spoke to Bender today and referred to the article in the paper on the Ellsworth training facility. The firefighters on the island are hesitant to go to Ellsworth for several reasons, one of which is leaving the Island unattended. The firefighters are looking for positive input from the towns that they are willing to have the firefighters pursue the Island training facility. Dunbar said the consensus is that the outer islands support this. The firefighters are looking for support from the 4 towns on the Island and they will pursue this. The Board consensus is that they wish to support the firefighter’s continued research of an Island wide training facility. Round table discussion: Dunbar said a big question on everyone’s mind is what is going on with the State, Dispatch, and whether we someday consolidate or we keep our own dispatch. He said as a unified voice we should stress the fact that we want control of our local area. Jellison said that solid waste is a big concern for the Island. Dunbar said it is a big money concern, but is hard to deal with because everyone has their own method in place. Lagrange said he feels the infrastructure committee should pursue this for a time, and they may come up with a conclusion, but it wouldn’t be island-wide. Dunbar said the questions should be worked on with

ADD, and until a decision is made with ADD, we should be looking at what kind of atmosphere we need to work out with them. We certainly want to get out of that contract. Lagrange said if the contract could be re-written, and still stay with ADD, that would be fine. Dunbar said he hopes we seek every avenue to work this out with ADD. Jellison asked if there were any other concerns to be raised at the League collaboration meeting. Board thought ADD could be addressed both at the League level and at the local level.

- d. Water Tank Loan – Revised Approval. Lagrange said a letter commitment in March indicated 0% interest – this past week a second letter was received with the same terms but at 1% interest. Lagrange said after several phone calls, we did get confirmation that we will get 0% interest, as an exception, as it was originally offered at that percentage, and has gone to the voters at that rate. Lagrange wants to do long term financing rather than obtain construction funds. Dunbar asked about taking the water tank down. Benson said there were some liability issues. Corrigan said it will go out to bid as a separate line item. Annalese will run a lead test on the tank for whoever dismantles it. Lagrange said there will have to be approval from both Federal and State on this project.
- e. Sidewalk/bike path grant request. Lagrange asked the Board if they had interest in pursuing a request for \$720,000 to do a bike path. If so, it is suggested that the Town come up with \$144,000 as their share. Dunbar expressed doubts on Mansell Lane. It was moved Benson and seconded Minctons to have Lagrange pursue the transportation and enhancement safe routes grant with the State for approximately \$720,000. Discussion: Benson said there is no harm in pursuing this and the Board could make a decision at a later date. Chapais said if we wait for the State to do any work on these areas, we may have to wait another 7 years. Try to get funding for the bicycle path. Dunbar said this section of road is probably the highest priority for the Town. He feels the Board's efforts should be to try to coordinate with the State to do the whole thing as one project. Benson said if we can secure this grant, we might be able to put more pressure on the State. Dunbar is concerned about taking property away from residents to provide for this. Vote: 3 – 1 (Dunbar)
- f. Housing Authority Dinner: no attendance
- g. Time Warner Cable: Lagrange said the cable company has asked each town to fill out a consent agreement – the consortium attorney will handle this consent agreement for us.

- VI. Other Business: Dunbar said the lights in the school exit were not on and people fell, coming out of Town Meeting. He asked Lagrange to explore the lighting situation there, Dunbar asked about the transfer of funds to the CIP account. Lagrange said the money is transferred from a separate account to the appropriate reserve CIP.

- VII. Sign Warrants: It was Moved (Benson) and Seconded (Mincions) to approve administration warrants 170, 171,173, 174, Water warrant 11, Sewer warrant 35, School warrant 172 and Special Project warrant 10 as presented. Vote: 4 - 0
- VII. Adjourn: It was Moved (Mincions) and Seconded (Benson) to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Vote: 4 – 0.