

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Board of Selectmen  
July 14, 2009  
SOUTHWEST HARBOR FIRE STATION  
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to order/Roll call: The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 p.m.  
Present: Town Manager, Robin M. Bennett; Selectmen: Dorr “Skip”  
Wilson, Berten Willey, Kristin Hutchins, Ralph “Chipper” Dunbar, Trudy  
Bickford.

Visitors: Mark Good, MD Islander, Edward Bonville, Donald Lagrange,  
Public Works/CEO; David Chapais, Police Chief; Rick Graham, Police  
Officer; Steve Hudson, Eric Henry, Tony Smith, Mark D. Campbell, Sandy  
Johnson, Dennis Dever, Harbormaster; Ben C. Worcester, III, Diane  
Helprin, Erika Shriner; Bonnie Burn.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda: Sandy Johnson asked for an  
update on the storm water drainage. Lagrange said there is a 24” culvert  
coming into a drain and a 12” culvert going out of the drain – this is in the  
State Right of Way. Lagrange will talk with the State D.O.T. Dunbar asked  
if the catch drains had been flushed out – Lagrange said they were. The  
sludge sediment is on Route 102. Lagrange was asked to clear that 12” pipe.  
Johnson said at a minimum the Town should get in and clean out the pipes in  
that area. Lagrange said the stoppage seems to be at Main Street. It was  
Moved Hutchins and Seconded Willey to send a letter to the State D.O.T.  
expressing their concerns and property damage issues related to the 12”  
drain under Main Street. Vote in Favor: 5 - 0

Tony Smith has a company coming to MDI on Thursday to video and  
examine the drains in the Town of Mt. Desert. He will provide the  
information to Don Lagrange.

Rick Graham was introduced as the new full-time officer hired for the  
Southwest Harbor Police Department.

Iia. Warrants; Administrative 151-159, and 1 – 7; Water 15; Sewer 31, 1;  
Police 1, Fire 1.

III. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2009 and June 23, 2009: It was Moved (Hutchins) and Seconded (Bickford) to accept the minutes of June 16 and June 23, 2009 as presented. Vote in favor: 5 – 0.

IV. Old Business;

a. Facilities Update:

i. Police Department Renovations: Bennett reported there has been one minor change order on the electrical wiring. Sheet-rocking ceilings next week. Progress is going well, good communication.

V. New Business:

a. Shellfish Commission Appointment, W. Carroll: Wilson thanked Carroll for volunteering to be on the committee. It was Moved Dunbar and Seconded Willey to appoint William Carroll to the Shellfish Commission. Vote in favor: 5 - 0

b. MDIHS Roof Replacement - Ed Bonville: Mr. Bonville is a member of the Board of Trustees of the MDI High School. He discussed the letter presentation that was forwarded to the Board. 55,000 s.f. of roofing that is approximately 22 years old is leaking and in need of replacement. Prices are down, labor is available and interest rates are low. The Board of Trustees is asking for a sense of the Town's feelings on this issue. The \$900,000 estimate is additional funds and the taxpayers will be indebted for this between the four communities. There has been no significant reserve fund in the school budget to prepare for these costs. Plans to rectify this situation are being addressed for the future by the Trustees. \$114,000 divided by the four town formula over ten years would be the end result of this project. It was Moved Bickford and Seconded Willey to support the Board of Trustees of the MDI High School in their roof replacement proposal with a strong encouragement to the Trustees to address appropriate funding of the Capital Improvement Plan in the future. Vote in favor: 5 – 0.

c. Waste Reduction Committee Presentation: The Waste Prevention Committee presented a power point to the Board of Selectmen. This included work done by the Elementary School and the Committee over this past year and a five point plan for the future.

- d. Comprehensive Plan Survey: Hutchins said there will soon be a mailing, and would like to put the BOS name at the bottom of the letter as a supporter of the survey. The Chairman read the letter. The Board had no objections.
- e. Volunteer Criteria of Service: Hutchins said this was her project and suggested adding some of the bold language in the document into the volunteer criteria packet. The Board made suggestions to Hutchins who will incorporate those into a final document for voting.
- f. MMA Executive Committee Voting: Bennett provided the Board with nominations for the MMA Executive Committee. It was Moved Dunbar and Seconded Hutchins to nominate Mark Green as the MMA Vice President. Vote in favor: 5 – 0. There are three candidates for three positions on the MMA Board of Directors. It was Moved Bickford and Seconded Hutchins to accept all three candidates as members of the Board of Directors of MMA, Vote in favor: 5 – 0.
- g. SRF Water Bond – Execution of Documents: Town Manager Bennett said the documents presented may be voted “as submitted”. It was Moved Hutchins and Seconded Bickford to accept as submitted and execute the signing of the documents presented for the SRF Water Bond, additional funding as passed at the Special Town Meeting on July 14, 2009. Vote in favor: 5 – 0.
- h. Lower Town Dock – Execution of Documents: Town Manager Bennett told the Board that these documents relate to the \$125,000 financing of the Lower Town Dock project. Bennett recommended to the Board that they approve the 5 year proposal from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Company (BHBT) at an interest rate of 3.19%. It was Moved Hutchins and Seconded Bickford to take the recommendation of the Town Manager and finance the Lower Town Dock project with BHBT over 5 years at an interest rate of 3.19%. Vote in favor: 5 – 0. Documents were signed.
- g. Water Department Audit: Bennett said the audit shows a negative; however the Auditor said that once the water project is done, that will convert from an expense item to a depreciation item and reduce the negative impact somewhat. There will be an August 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing with PUC approval at the beginning of September.

VII. Manager's Report:

- Water quality pre-construction was on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Engineers met this week with Acadia National Park (ANP). Construction will begin the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.
- FEMA grant: a meeting between an FEMA rep and the CEO and Town Manager was held two weeks ago.
- At the next Selectmen's Meeting the street lights will be on the agenda. Bennett said there will be a second Selectmen's Meeting in July.

VIII. Other Business: Dunbar: the bump at Manset Corner needs to be addressed. Lagrange said he is waiting for pricing. Dunbar asked about the sidewalk reconstruction and asked if there was an estimate. Lagrange said the estimate is around \$6200, and to sub this out would be around \$17,000. He will have that on the next agenda. Dunbar asked if the effort could be combined with the Manset Corner project. Bennett said the Town will try to do that. Bickford cautioned spending a great deal of money until some long-term planning is done. Hutchins agreed, but said this project has generated tremendous complaints, and it should just be done. Dunbar asked Bennett to include the sidewalk cost information on Manset Corner in the packet with Lagrange's Clark Point Road sidewalk estimate.

Dunbar asked about the water tower – Bennett is working with Maine Rural Water on ways to fix that.

Hutchins asked if the Board would like a draft of a newsletter for August publication. The Board agreed. She asked for suggestions on topics.

Chapais said he signed up for a web based information service on internet called nixle.com which is linked with the SWHPD web site. This site allows alerts to be entered for items such as missing persons, traffic issues due to civic events. Anyone who would like to add information in the may contact the Chief.

Willey said that Tucker Spurling has a problem at the Lower Town Dock with the boards at the hoist area and would like to see them replaced. Bennett will address with the Harbormaster. Also Chief Chisholm would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the sign at the Fire Station.

Bickford would like to have Dennis Damon at an August meeting to once again discuss the sidewalk issue. She would like to know how they set their priorities. Wilson suggested he and the Town Manager might have a more informal meeting with Damon.

IX. Sign Warrant: It was Moved Hutchins and Seconded Willey to sign Administrative Warrants 151 -159, 1 – 7; Water Warrant 15, Sewer Warrant 31, 1; Police Warrant 1 and Fire Warrant 1. Vote in favor: 4 – 0 – 1 (abstain Wilson).

X. Adjournment: It was Moved Hutchins and Seconded Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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Beatrice D. Grinnell  
Town Clerk