



**Minutes for Selectmen Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 @ 6:00 PM  
Southwest Harbor Town Office

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order by Ralph Dunbar, Chairman at 6:00 PM. Present were Chairman Dunbar, George Jellison, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, David Mincton and Town Manager Don Lagrange. .
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda  
Lydia Goetze requested to have a separate phone line (see memo) with voice recordings that could update information to the callers regarding construction activities on Main Street. Manger Lagrange indicated he was working on the project to determine the possibility and cost for upgrades. Chairman Dunbar suggested the manager report back to the Selectmen at the next meeting.
- IV. Manager's Report
- ~ The water department will be replacing the 2" seasonal water line (3,000 l/f) along Fernald Point Road. The age of the current line is responsible for numerous breaks during the season.
  - ~ The hardware store requested snow removal around their parking area and it was denied due to the melting nature of the snow and the additional cost was not warranted this time of year.
  - ~ The first original Clerk's election appointment with Selectmen signatures went AWOL and another round of signatures was needed. It was previously approved.
  - ~ An invitation to attend a discussion at the Library was scheduled simultaneously with the Selectmen meeting and the Selectmen could not attend. A response on behalf of the Selectmen was sent.
- V. Old Business, Main Street Discussion
- ~ The change order is not ready to be signed due to language for the reason of the change order.
  - ~ Start of construction delayed due to State DOT requiring test for frost.
  - ~ A mailer was sent to all properties abutting the project
  - ~ A non-functioning 6" valve at the Masonic Hall needs to be replaced and another 12" valve should be installed to provide flow through Clark Point Road if it becomes necessary to shut water between Clark Point and Village Green.
  - ~ Mt Desert's refusal last season to place a construction detour sign at Pretty Marsh Road has been refuted by the DOT which states no town cannot impose by ordinance the refusal to locate signs for construction purposes in a DOT right a way.

- ~ The State does not agree to the three lanes from Carroll Hill with a right turn only on Seal Cove Road.
- ~ A copy of the process schedule is supplied prior to State DOT refusal to allow start of construction.

VI. New Business:

a. School Budget (Discussion)

Representation from Pemetec School included Diane Helprin, Nancy Thurlow and Erica Lindquist. They presented a revised budget dated 4/9/14 which included a reduction from previous submittals in the health insurance premiums of 5%. They indicated the retirement increased due to State decrease in funds to be 2.65%. Overall increase in the school budget is \$147,885 or 4.97%.

A discussion regarding the front door became an issue when Erica Lindquist stated the school board has not decided what way to go with security.

b. Lee Worcester represented EMR regarding the contract discussions and stated there were no changes in the new contract. Tom Benson asked for additional time to review it and have it more defined at a future meeting. It was agreed to put this issue on the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

c. The Selectmen agreed to accept the Special Events form for all events of significance. The commercial use of fireworks to be regulated by the State Fire Marshall office. All consumer fireworks to be regulated according to Title 8 of the Maine Statutes and enforced by the SWH police. A motion by Dan Norwood was made that the officers of the Southwest Harbor Police Department become knowledgeable of the provisions of the State Fireworks Statute, found at section 223-A of Title 8, and further that they be authorized and instructed to enforce the provisions of the Statute. It was seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

d. The previous mutual aid agreement between MDI towns through the League of Towns was presented due to its upcoming review at the next League of Towns meeting. The town manager suggested to review the new current document recently received at the next meeting on May 13.

e. The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM to further discuss and adopt the Pemetec school articles 4-19.

f. Annual Town Report (discussion)

There was no further discussion regarding the final version of the annual town report as submitted. A consensus everything looked good.

g. A review of the newsletter to be sent out by the weekend included a change from the MDI choir to the Pemetec Choir doing a show at the town meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

VII. Other Business Sign Ordinance and Vendor Licensing

The town manager stated the Planning Board was meeting Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the sign ordinance as well as potential vendor fees and licensing.

VIII. Accept & Sign Warrants:

A motion was made by George Jellison to accept and sign the warrants as listed below. It was seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor, 5/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, **FY13-14: 136, 139, 140, 141, 143,**

Sewer **FY13-14: 142**

Water **FY2014: 7**

School **FY13-14: 137, 138**

IX. Next Meeting Date:

April 22, 2014 @6:00 PM, Town Office

X. Adjourn Selectmen Meeting

A motion was made by Dan Norwood to adjourn the selectmen meeting at 7:09 PM. It was seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.