

**Selectmen Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 24, 2016

- I. Chairman Benson called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:00PM. In attendance were Dan Norwood, George Jellison, Lydia Goetze, Manager Don Lagrange and Deputy Treasurer Renee Atwater. Chad Terry was excused.
- II. Visitors to be heard.
- ~ Mr. Richard Dimond suggested the Selectmen review the recent marijuana law approval and a possible moratorium regarding Southwest Harbor.
- III. Approval of Minutes
- ~ Lydia Goetze moved to approve budget minutes of January 9, 2017, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.
- ~ Dan Norwood moved to approve Selectmen meeting minutes of January 10, 2017, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.
- ~ George Jellison moved to approve Selectmen budget minutes of January 10, 2017, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.
- ~ Lydia Goetze moved to amend Selectmen budget minutes of January 12, 2017 with minor change of the word 'by', seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0. Dan Norwood moved to accept budget minutes as amended, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.
- IV. Managers' Report
- ~ A copy of the DOT Work Plan for 2017, 2018 & 2019 was submitted indicating approval of the Main Street sidewalk project for a \$98,000 DOT partnership grant and a \$400,000 State construction grant.
- ~ a list of SWH residents who passed away in 2016 was presented.
- ~ Maine Municipal Association has notified the Town some SWH firefighters who provided support in battling the blaze at the Cousins property in Tremont have been included in their lawsuit against Tremont and now SWH Fire Departments, by amended their complaint in the US District Court.
- ~ We have been pressing DOT to look at the Elm tree in front of Worcester's house on Main Street due to a hazardous limb. DOT passed the buck to Emera who determined the Elm tree was ok. As a precaution, DOT sent the State arborist who determined the limb was very hazardous. DOT discussed the issue with Mr. Worcester. They are planning to cut this limb but will probably be the end of the life of the tree within a few years especially considering the weight of the tree will be unbalanced with all leaning towards the house.
- ~ With one year under the control of the Water-Sewer District, the year-end revenue and expense reports for the Water-Sewer reflected an increase in revenue and a decrease in expenses. On the water side, expenses are \$96,173 less than the budget and revenue exceeded budget by \$63,942. On the sewer side, expenses are \$20,989 less than budget and revenue exceeded budget by \$19,826. There may be some year-end invoices yet to be recorded but should not affect the bottom line substantially which is both utilities ended very positively in the black. It was predicted this result would occur with a revamping of the utility structure. The most important factor is the effort by Steve Kenny to operate both utilities in a manner this town has not seen for many years. He is the right person for the job!
- ~ Police Officer Levi Soper is attending the Maine Police Academy for the next 19 weeks to become certified blue pin.
- V. Old Business:
- ~ Several members of the Harbor Committee and the Harbor Planning Committee attended the meeting to discuss Harbor Committee involvement with the process. It was felt members of the Harbor Committee were not being kept apprised of the events of the Planning committee. Lydia Goetze stated the Harbor Committee members were welcomed and encouraged them to attend all Planning meetings and also pointed out that the public meetings, not held on a regular schedule, are required to be posted, and asked

that the Chair and office staff see that this occurs more than one day in advance at the Town Office, Post Office, on TV and on the town web site..

Lagrange recommended to hire an appraiser to determine value of the Hook property, then consult an attorney to make an offer to the property owner. Suggesting not to put all the marbles in one basket, Lagrange also suggested to make an offer for the Knot property across the Manset Pier should there be a change in town use of the Hook property.

Lydia Goetze suggested an executive session to further discuss the issue of the Hook property. She moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 6-C to discuss acquisition of real property, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Lagrange presented a bond package recommendation to satisfy the needs on 14 infrastructure projects. Projected costs for this package would be \$2,830,000. This will be addressed again at a future meeting with some modifications of projected list as well as allow the full board to participate in the decision.

#### VI. New Business

~ Dan Norwood moved to approve the appointment of Ellen Brookes to the SWH Housing Authority as a commissioner, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ George Jellison moved to appoint Kristen Hutchins to the Warrant Committee for a three year term to begin on January 24, 2017 and expire on January 24, 2020, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to affirm the Town Clerk appointments of Robert Salsbury, Renee Atwater and Diane Norwood-Frost at Deputy Registrar, seconded by George Jellison and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Dan Norwood moved to put the 2004 Chevy truck out to bid with the right to reject any bid, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ George Jellison moved to accept the following warrants, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 16-17: 70

Payroll Warrants: FY 16-17: 67, 69

School FY16-17: 66, 68

~ There being no further business, the Selectmen entered into Executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss acquisition of real property. George Jellison moved to adjourn executive session at 8:00 PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ Lydia Goetze moved to authorize Town Manager to secure Andy Hamilton of Eaton Peabody as legal representative for the purchase of the Hook property as well as hire a commercial appraiser to determine its value, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

~ George Jellison moved to adjourn Selectmen meeting at 8:07 PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.