



SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town of Southwest Harbor
Town Office & Via Zoom
6:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Carolyn Ball called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
All present. Chair Carolyn Ball, Vice Chair Natasha Johnson, George Jellison Jr., Jim Vallette, Manager Marilyn Lowell, and Town Clerk Jennifer LaHaye.
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *Request of the Town Manager for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.*

Jellison motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Johnson. Vote 4-0.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Request of the Town Manager for a motion “to approve the minutes of...”*

A. September 27, 2022 – SB Meeting

Vallette motioned to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022. Seconded by Johnson. Vote: 4-0.

- 5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

Town Payables: W#35
Town Payroll: W#1006
Trust & Agency: W#34

School Payroll: W#32
School Payables: W#33

Jellison motioned to approve the warrants as presented. Seconded by Vallette. Vote: 4-0.

- 6. APPOINTMENTS:**

A. Election Clerks: *Request of the Town Clerk for a motion to appoint Mary Beal, Ellen Corkery & David Shook as ballot clerks for the remainder of a 2-year term.*

Jellison motioned to affirm the appointments of Mary Beal, Ellen Corkery, and David Shook as Ballot Clerks for remaining term starting October 12, 2022, such appointments to be effective until April 30, 2024. Seconded by Johnson. Vote: 4-0.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Route 102A Residents/Landowners “No Parking” Petition:** *Request of residents/landowners along Route 102A for reconsideration and resolve of ongoing safety issues.*

~Vallette recused himself as he is an abutter to the proposed area for signage.
~Charlotte and some residents expressed concern that Mr. Jellison should recuse himself. Jellison does not believe that he needs to recuse himself.
~Ball expressed concern that Jellison does not feel he needs to recuse himself. Ball also stated she is worried for the stated safety concern, and the importance of balancing safety and a person’s business.
~ Some abutting residents spoke to the concern of the lack of parking for the business and that has created a dangerous situation.

Jellison motioned to table the discussion. No second. No action was taken.

- B. MDI Marathon:** *Request of Gary Allen to inform the Board of the route and overall agenda of the MDI Marathon.*

Gary Allen presented the plan of the MDI Marathon. This will be the 19th year. This year there will not be any beer tents or after marathon activities. They are encouraging spectators to utilize the buses provided from Bar Harbor, this will help reduce any parking issues. In the future Allen would like to work with the Town or Chamber to further discuss how the Marathon can help the local businesses.

- C. Solid Waste Task Force:** *Request of James Vallette to discuss and define purpose and set date for completion.*

Vallette provide the following mission statement for the Solid Waste Reduction Task Force:

The Southwest Harbor Solid Waste Reduction Task Force will identify methods for reducing the amount and cost of managing garbage generated by our town’s residents and businesses, all of which is paid through property taxes.

The task force will examine current costs and the composition of the town’s waste stream and learn about potential options from industry experts from organizations such as A Climate to Thrive, the Unity Regional Recycling Center, the Municipal Review Committee, Acadia Disposal District, Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection, and Don’t Waste ME, and vendors such as Eastern Maine Recycling, ND Paper, and Casella.

The task force will have until December 27, 2022 to meet and gather information to report back to the Select Board.

D. Rip Rap at Manset Lot: *Request of Harbor Committee to discuss the rip rap being moved and supplemented with the Select Board.*

Nick Madeira spoke on behalf of the Harbor Committee, he advised they are looking to move forward in developing the Hook Lot located in Manset. The committee would like to see the lot extended as far as possible to utilize the property and add more picnic tables and trees. The Town will need to obtain permits through the DEP. About two years ago they projected the cost to be about \$119,000. Madeira and the Harbor Committee believe there is money set aside to be able to start moving forward on this project.

After quickly reviewing the budget Manager Lowell and Ball believed the money Madeira was referring to was not set aside but to be bonded. Manager Lowell will further check the numbers.

E. Mini Strategic Plans or Priorities: *Request of Carolyn Ball for other board members to think about what they may see as mini strategic plans or priorities.*

Please see list attached

F. MRC Board of Directors Nomination: *Request of MRC for nominations for the election of three Directors to serve 3-year terms on the MRC Board of Directors.*

No nomination or motion was made.

G. Radar Speed Sign: *Request of the Town Manager to review information on the Radar Speed Sign.*

Vallette motioned to authorize the Town Manager to acquire more information for the boards review before making any commitment. Seconded by Johnson. Vote 3-1 Jellison voted against.

H. School Closing LED Message Sign: *Request of the Town Manager to discuss proposal from Eric Hann, Operations Mgr. at Superintendents Office, regarding a LED message board.*

Jellison motioned to not authorize the Town Manager to acquire more information for the boards review before making any commitment to a school closing LED message sign. Seconded Johnson. Vote 3-0-1 Vallette abstained. His wife works in the superintendent's office.

8. MANAGER REPORT:

Please see Manager's report filed at the Town Office.

9. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Further discussion related to Riprap.
- Manager Lowell will bring information regarding the Bonds Bank Applications.
- Mini strategic wish list plans- to review and prioritize.
- Comprehensive Plan Update to Board

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Adoption of a motion to confirm the date of the next regular meeting for Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office meeting room.*

Jellison motioned to confirm the date of the next regular meeting for Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.at the Town Office meeting room. Seconded by Johnson. Vote 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Jellison motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 8:30 pm. Seconded by Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. LaHaye
Town Clerk

APPROVED

Carolyn Ball, Chair

Natasha Johnson, Vice Chair

George Jellison, Jr.

James Vallette

Vacant