

## **Public Hearing Minutes for**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman George Jellison. In attendance: David Minctons, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Town Manager Don Lagrange, Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell and Town attorney Matt Tarasevich. Lydia Goetze was excused.
- II. Discussion pertaining to the development of a Water-Sewer District included concerns from the public that the 2010 Olver infrastructure study did not indicate operational efficiencies for water and sewer; will the crew have jobs if the district is approved; who will plow snow if the district employees don't want to plow; why wasn't the current crew brought in to get their input on the current situation; the crew was not given any communication regarding water-sewer meetings, and it would be a conflict of interest for the town manager to be on the Board of Trustees. It was noted 80% of Maine utilities are Districts with a dedicated Board of Trustees to focus on infrastructure and long term maintenance planning. Rates are noticeably lower with Districts than municipally run departments and are operated more efficiently. Town employees would have first refusal for the positions in the District. One current position would be eliminated. Health insurance will be same plan with Maine Municipal Association insurance as with municipal staff. There is no distinction from what the Town Manager is currently doing regarding water-sewer operations than if the Town Manager is on the Board of Trustees except a bridge between the Town and the District.
- III. Discussion pertaining to purchase of property on Shore Road for a parking area focused on planning for the future health of the harbor. Lack of parking would diminish the Harbor's resources. This is the remaining parcel of significance to provide parking. If created, the parking area would comply with the performance standards of the ordinance including buffering, setback requirements and lighting as determined by the Planning Board. The property could be sold in the future if the parking proposal did not occur. Grants will be applied for future development costs. The Hook property will continue to be leased on an annual basis at a cost of \$8,000 per year.
- IV. Tom Benson moved to adjourn the public hearing at 7:35 PM, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

## **Selectmen Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

(Immediately following Public Hearing)

Southwest Harbor Fire Station

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chairman George Jellison. In attendance: David Minctons, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell. Lydia Goetze was excused.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda: None
- III. Approval of Minutes: Tom Benson moved to accept minutes of the October 13, 2015 Public Hearing, seconded by Dave Minctons and voted in favor 3/0/1. Tom Benson moved to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Selectmen meeting, seconded by Dave Minctons and voted in favor 3/0/1.
- IV. Manager's Report
  - ~ The attached report from MMA, Risk Management Services is increasing the deductible for the highway garage due to lack of major repairs to the structure. They have also indicated a potential removal from property coverage without implementation of a plan to rehab or replace the building. The current structure will require snow load assessment of the trussed roof system as well as modification of the rear wall if the building is to be salvaged. A proposal is being developed to present to the Select Board, subject to the roof review, to add (2) bays on the southerly side of the building, rebuild the roof and repair the rear wall. It would be proposed for construction next summer.

~ Attached is the League of Towns agenda which was discussed today, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Efficient street lighting, solid waste disposal, regional broadband and public transportation were the topics of the Somesville meeting to be discussed by League of Towns managers at their future meetings.

~ Chief Willis made a presentation at the Somesville workshop regarding the MDI-Bar Harbor Police Chief Sharing Agreement. Chief Brown was also in attendance. The comments for broad island police protection and a working relationship between Southwest Harbor and MDI-Bar Harbor seemed very encouraging.

~ Attached to this memo is an update on the County of Hancock from County Administrator Gene Conlogue.

~ Some lights on the three piers should be replaced with shielded lights. One at the Manset Pier, two at the upper town dock and one at the lower town dock.

~ Starting with the first meeting in November, and every first of the month meeting thereafter, reports will be submitted from Police Chief, Fire Chief, Harbormaster and Superintendent.

#### V. Old Business:

a. Public Bathrooms Update: Cost update for the public bathrooms will be \$99,000, just short of the budget approved primarily due to repaving a larger area of the parking area at a cost of \$9,000. Rough plumbing and electrical is finished. Anticipated completion date is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

b. Forest Avenue Construction: Construction moving rapidly. Excellent daily reports submitted from Goodwin indicating progress are very detailed.

c. Gateway sign review: Vendor required 50% up front for deposit and the Manager requested comments from Board. It was stated a deposit is common practice and up to one-third was acceptable. It was also suggested to install flag poles behind the sign.

#### VI. New Business:

a. Water Commitment: Tom Benson moved to accept to accept the water commitment of \$191,815.44 for the period July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015 subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 11.25% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of October 21, 2015. Seconded by Dave Mintons and voted in favor 4/0/0.

b. Sewer Commitment: Move to accept the Sewer commitment of \$173,530.33 for the period July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015, subject to an interest charged for unpaid balance of 7.0% per annum beginning 30 days after the billing date of October 21, 2015.

c. MRC Proposed Fiberight Facility: Tony Smith of Mount Desert and the MRC Board will discuss the contract between municipalities and the proposed Fiberight facility at the next Selectmen's meeting. The Board suggested Chip Reeves also attend.

d. Affirm Appointment of Ballot Clerks: Tom Benson moved to affirm the ballot clerks, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 4/0/0.

e. Shellfish Committee License Allocation (Colquoun) was continued to next meeting.

#### VII. Other Business (Selectmen): None

VIII. Tom Benson moved to accept following warrants, seconded by Dave Mintons and voted in favor 4/0/0.

General Fund Warrants, FY 15-16; 56, 58, 63

Sewer FY 15-16: 61

Water FY2015: 19

Special Projects FY 15-16: 62

School FY15-16: 57, 59, 60

IX. Next Selectmen Meeting Date Selectmen will be at the Town Office, on November 10, 2015 @ 6PM

X. Adjourn Meeting: Dan Norwood moved to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/0.