



**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Town of Southwest Harbor**  
**Fire Department Meeting Room & via ZOOM\***  
**6:00 p.m. ~ Thursday, August 18, 2022**

**Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chair Carolyn Ball @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Chair Carolyn Ball, Vice Chair Natasha Johnson, George Jellison, Manager Marilyn Lowell, and Town Clerk Jennifer LaHaye.

**A. Excused Absences:** James Vallette excused.

- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *Request of the Town Manager for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.*

Johnson motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jellison. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Special Town Meeting:** *Request of Town Manager to have discussions with public comment on the need for a Special Town Meeting regarding the Main Street Project.*

Madam Chair Ball addressed the residents. She provided a general overview of the Main Street Sidewalk, Drainage, Water & Sewer Improvements Project. Ball noted the principal amount of \$802,769 is requested by votes to complete the project.

~ Discussion related to the water mains, and locations were discussed. The question of whether there would be an added cost to residents once the project is completed and residents need to hook into the 12-inch water main was raised. Residents were advised there would be no extra cost to be hooked into the new water main.

~Residents expressed concerns for the discrepancies between the two bids. Manager Lowell said she had consulted with Olver Associates about this. She was advised unfortunately that this is common now, and engineers are seeing bids such as this with larger costs than expected.

~Residents requested more speed limit signs in that area.

~ Versant would not remove the poles until the bid is awarded. The poles will not be placed in the middle of the sidewalk as they are now. Once the bid is awarded Versant can start to address this.

~ Residents questioned if the scope of the plan could be changed to reduce costs. Manager Lowell explained that the plan presented would be the plan voters would vote on. If the voters choose not to pass the project, there would be no other plan formed.

~ Manager Lowell noted if the project did not pass, the Town would still be responsible for payment to the state for the work that has been completed thus far.

**5. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:** *No action will be taken, other than to place the requested item on the next agenda.*

- A second public hearing will be held.

**6. NEXT MEETING DATE:** *Adoption of a motion to confirm the date of the next regular meeting for Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office meeting room.*

Jellison motioned to confirm the next regular meeting for Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Motion passed unanimously.

Select Board members noted it would be best to hold the next public hearing and regular Select Board meeting at the Fire Station to have more room.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Johnson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Jellison. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. LaHaye  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED**

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Carolyn Ball, Chair

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Natasha Johnson, Vice Chair

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George Jellison, Jr.

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James Vallette

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Vacant