

**Town of Mount Desert
SelectBoard Meeting Minutes
Meeting Room, Town Hall
6:300 PM, February 24, 2020**

Board Members present were Chair John Macauley, Rick Mooers, Martha Dudman, and Wendy Littlefield.

Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, Treasurer Kathy Mahar, Public Works Director Tony Smith, and Fire Chief Mike Bender were present.

Members of the Public were also in attendance.

I. Call to order at 6:30 PM

Chair Macauley called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2020 meeting

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, approval of the Minutes of February 10, 2020 as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

III. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

None presented

IV. Consent Agenda *(These items are considered routine, and therefore, may be passed by the Selectmen in one blanket motion. Board members may remove any item for discussion by requesting such action prior to consideration of that portion of the agenda.)*

A. Department Reports: Treasurer Permanent Trust — 2nd Quarter FY 2020 and Investment Trust — 2nd Quarter

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, acceptance of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

V. SelectBoard Reports

None presented.

VI. Unfinished Business

None presented

VII. New Business

A. Service Groups/3rd Party Budget 2020-2021 Requests

A review was made of the 3rd Party Budget Requests for 2020-2021.

1 **Island Explorer:** Paul Murphy represented. Ridership grew by 2% in 2019. The
2 system is currently statistically beyond capacity. The amount requested has not
3 changed from last year's request.

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5 Warrant Committee Member Katrina Carter asked how the bus system will be
6 impacted with the growing number of people in the park, and the limits being placed
7 on cars allowed in the park.

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9 Mr. Murphy agreed there would be growth in the use of the busses in the coming
10 years. A consulting group has been engaged to help create solutions.

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12 Ms. Carter wondered if extending the bus season was being considered. Mr. Murphy
13 noted there has been some discussion about the season length, but it will not happen
14 this year.

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16 Ms. Carter noted this group was the only group making a request that has no
17 fundraising plan. Mr. Murphy noted there are donation boxes in the busses, and those
18 boxes generate approximately \$60,000 a year. A transportation system such as this
19 does not generally operate through fundraising.

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21 Mr. Mooers noted that for the past 12 years, the Island Explorer has never raised their
22 request amount, despite the growth of their operation.

23
24 **Acadia Family Center:** Clara Baker represented. 70% of funds for the operating
25 budget are obtained through fundraising efforts. 30% through client fees and
26 insurance. Clients from the Mount Desert area represent about 15% of the client
27 base. A new Director has been hired, and a new Clinical Supervisor. The Board has
28 doubled in size. \$5,000.00 has been requested, to go to financial assistance for
29 clients. No request was made last year.

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31 **American Red Cross:** No representative was in attendance.

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33 **Bar Harbor Food Pantry:** Chad Kessel represented. The Bar Harbor Food Pantry
34 serves 77 clients twice a month. The amount requested has not changed from last
35 year's request.

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37 **Downeast Community Partners:** Mark Green represented. Downeast Community
38 Partners provides service to the elderly and low-income individuals and provided
39 \$100,000 in services to Mount Desert residents last year. Services include
40 transportation, home weatherization and heating assistance. This year's request has
41 risen over last year's request by \$2,779.00.
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1 **Downeast Horizons:** Ashleigh Jonathan represented. Downeast Horizons provides
2 assistance to people with developmental challenges through a residential facility and
3 other programs. 35 people in the Mount Desert area are assisted. Downeast Horizons
4 spends approximately \$47,000 per person per year. The amount requested has not
5 changed from last year's request.

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7 **Eastern Area Agency on Aging:** Diane Walsh represented. Eastern Area Agency
8 on Aging serves the elderly, their caregivers, and the disabled through programs like
9 Meals on Wheels. The amount requested has not changed from last year's request.

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11 **Emmaus Homeless Shelter:** Stacey Herrick represented. Emmaus is the only
12 family shelter in the Hancock and Washington County area. 119 people were served
13 last year. 54% of those were found permanent housing. Additionally, Emmaus
14 operates an emergency pantry, provided 43 households with blankets, offers a clothes
15 room, and provides assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The amount requested
16 has not changed from last year's request.

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18 Emmaus requests funds from approximately half the towns in Hancock County.
19 Home Inc. requests funds from the other half.

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21 **Families First:** Jessie Sela represented. Families First will be opening housing for
22 up to six families in the spring. They offer case management and family service
23 education and outreach. Some of their funding is grant-related. The amount
24 requested has not changed from last year's request.

25
26 **Great Harbor Maritime Museum:** Sidney Roberts Rockefeller represented. A
27 \$500 increase from last year is being requested to offset the cost of extra supplies for
28 the restrooms at the building. The restrooms are open to the public, and not just for
29 patrons of the museum, and they are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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31 **Health Equity Alliance:** Dana Carver-Bialer represented. Health Equity Alliance
32 serves those with HIV, the LGBTQA community, and those impacted by substance
33 abuse issues. They assist with case management, Pride Festivals, and youth groups.
34 They have four locations. They orchestrate syringe exchange programs. More than
35 4500 cases were handled last year. 236 individuals in Hancock County were served
36 last year. Confidentiality regulations prohibit providing a number of individuals
37 specific to Mount Desert. The amount requested has not changed from last year's
38 request.

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40 **Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County:** Wayne Gregerson represented. Hospice
41 offers End of Life services at no charge and no insurance reimbursement. The
42 amount requested has not changed from last year's request.

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1 **Island Connections:** Doreen Willett represented. Island Connections offers free
2 transportation to older and disabled community members. Over 4,000 rides were
3 provided last year. 63 people in Mount Desert were served. The amount requested
4 has not changed from last year's request.

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6 **Island Housing Trust:** Marla O'Byrne represented. Island Housing Trust offers
7 year-round affordable housing. 33 houses have been put under covenants, and nine
8 houses were built in Somesville. A house in Northeast Harbor was renovated.
9 Additionally, bridge funding can be offered to new home buyers. \$430,000 has been
10 contributed to those needing downpayment assistance. The amount requested has not
11 changed from last year's request.

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13 **Life Flight Foundation:** Tom Jones represented. Life Flight offers direct scene
14 response, patient transport, and mass event assistance, such as the Farmington
15 explosion, and training. The amount requested has not changed from last year's
16 request.

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18 **MDI Campfire Coalition:** Anne-Marie Hart represented. MDI Campfire Coalition
19 works with the Harbor House in Southwest Harbor, providing 100 gallons of heating
20 oil or the equivalent to those who need it. 173 families have been helped since
21 November 2019. 36 of those families live in Mount Desert. MDI Campfire Coalition
22 takes no reimbursement. The amount requested has not changed from last year's
23 request.

24
25 **Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce:** Lisa Parsons represented. 18,000 visitors
26 were served in 2019. Membership is up 33%. The Chamber of Commerce works
27 with all community development organizations to improve Mount Desert's prospects
28 as both a year-round community and a seasonal destination. The amount requested
29 has not changed from last year's request.

30
31 **MDI Historical Society:** Raney Bench represented. The Historical Society
32 maintains the Schoolhouse and the Somesville Meeting House and bridge. Requested
33 funding will help maintain the bridge and the museum exhibits, and help offset the
34 cost of a portable toilet in Somesville. The amount requested has not changed from
35 last year's request.

36
37 **Mount Desert Nursing Association:** Heather Lewis represented. The Nursing
38 Association helps people to age in place and operates on a sliding fee scale. 46% of
39 those living in Hancock County are 65 and older. The amount requested has not
40 changed from last year's request.

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42 **Neighborhood House:** Anne-Marie Hart represented. Neighborhood House is a
43 community center offering various social, educational, and recreational programs to

1 Mount Desert residents and beyond. They had record attendance at their events in
2 2019. The amount requested has not changed from last year's request. However,
3 their operations budget has grown by 40%.

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5 It was noted that Acadia Little League is no longer under Neighborhood House.
6 Acadia Youth Sports has taken over that program.

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8 **Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service:** No one was at the meeting to represent.

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10 **Northeast Harbor Library:** Ellie Andrews represented. The library serves
11 Northeast Harbor and Cranberry Isles. They act as the school library for the Mount
12 Desert Elementary School. Over 300 programs were offered in 2019 which 11,000
13 people attended, and 50,000 people used the library in 2019. The library holds the
14 Town archives, and offers a scholarship program, of which 35 students are currently
15 participating. The amount requested has not changed from last year's request.

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17 **Northeast Harbor Village Improvement Society:** Jerry Suminsby represented.
18 The VIS maintains the trail system, and vistas on Sargent Drive and Peabody Rd.
19 The amount requested has not changed from last year's request.

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21 **Northern Light Homecare and Hospice:** No representation was in attendance.

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23 **Seal Harbor Library Association:** Mary Silverman represented. The library offers
24 year-round services, including a book club and children's programs. Currently open
25 on Saturdays, the hours expand to six days a week in the summer. Their fundraising
26 efforts are ongoing and include the summer booksale. The amount requested has not
27 changed from last year's request.

28
29 **Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society:** Larry Taylor represented. The VIS
30 maintains the property and equipment for the Seal Harbor green. The request this
31 year has risen by \$5,000. This increase is due to an increase in the comfort station
32 supplies.

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34 The Seal Harbor VIS employs one full-time employee and two part time.

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36 **Somesville Village Improvement Society:** Tom Fernald represented. Somesville
37 VIS maintains the village center and keeps it attractive and safe. The amount
38 requested has not changed from last year's request.

39
40 **Somesville Library:** Karol Hagberg represented. The library serves the local and
41 summer community of Somesville and serves as the school library for the Community
42 School. Fundraising includes their annual book sale, and weekly dinners. The

Somesville Library is asking for \$2,000 more this year than last year, to cover rising expenses.

SPCA Hancock County: No representation was in attendance.

Women's Infant and Children's Program (WIC): Savannah Havey represented. WIC provides supplemental nutrition for new mothers, infants and children. They served 15 people in Mount Desert in 2019. The amount requested has not changed from last year's request, and is used for travel expenses and outreach and staff training.

B. Mount Desert Regional High School Scholarship & Stipend Recommendations

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval of the Mount Desert Regional High School Scholarship and Stipend Recommendations, as presented. Motion approved 3-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

C. Department of Education Audit Report Extension

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, acknowledgement of receipt of the Department of Education Audit Report Extension, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

D. Presentations of the Conceptual Plans for the Proposed Northeast Harbor Fire Station Expansion

Chief Bender reminded the Board of previous discussions regarding the eventual need for fire station expansion to allow for 24/7 personnel coverage and living quarters.

Chief Bender presented three concept options:

#1 Extending the existing building into the Cranberry Isle parking lot.

#2 Add a second story to the existing building. Expanding up would include the addition of a fourth bay. Such an addition would take space currently being used as a small driveway from the Town Offices parking lot.

#3 Building a new fire station. There is a vacant lot in the immediate area.

Both Options 1 and 2 offer limited space. The current hope is for two bunk rooms, one for Fire and one for Ambulance, with the ability to add two more bunk rooms at a later date. Later additions would be impossible with Options 1 and 2 due to space limitations. Also, there would be no room for an office for Ambulance as had been the hope. Option 2 will require a new elevator and a new set of stairs. These additions will encroach on a truck bay, making it smaller.

For these reasons, Chief Bender felt Option 3 was the best choice. The lot previously noted contains a town-owned shed and some picnic tables. Option 3 provides

1 flexibility for future growth and the freedom to position the building to provide
2 excellent egress of the fire engines.

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4 Ms. Dudman voiced concern over the space left vacant by a move, and the use of
5 greenspace for development. The space proposed for a new building is currently a
6 picnic area, and a buffer between parking lots.

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8 Chief Bender agreed a new building would reduce the greenspace. This is the only
9 drawback. Regarding the space left vacant, the contents of the maintenance shed on
10 the lot in question could be stored in the space left vacant. The Police Department
11 would most likely be able to use some of the space left vacant. Director Smith
12 pointed out other space that could be converted to better greenspace with plantings
13 and tables.

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15 Ms. Dudman asked for how long an expansion in the current building would work.
16 Chief Bender couldn't estimate. If the Department loses more volunteers, the need
17 for full-time firefighters could become a need sooner than expected. Director Smith
18 noted the current needs – bunk rooms, an office for Ambulance – can barely be met
19 with the expansion options. The possibility of a consolidated Police Station, and
20 dispatching issues will most likely affect the space as well.

21
22 Ms. Carter noted the Ambulance Service is renting space from the Medical Center. A
23 new building might allow them to keep their equipment together.

24
25 Storage of equipment while expansion is underway is also a concern. Engines can be
26 placed at the different stations in Town but an engine and an ambulance must be kept
27 in town in a secure place.

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29 Public Works Director Tony Smith noted Options 1 and 2 have a range of prices
30 associated with them. Option 3 does not.

31
32 It was noted the Town Office elevator can't readily connect to a newly expanded
33 second floor. A new elevator would be required per the engineer's review.
34 Expansion also offers problems with the roofline in relation to a new entryway. Mr.
35 Mooers felt that the cost of expansion should include the work required to maintain
36 an aesthetic for the building.

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38 The vacant space left behind could also house storage space for files currently being
39 stored elsewhere in Town.

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41 Chief Bender noted that if the Board wants to get the item on the Warrant for this
42 year's Town Meeting, A decision tonight on which option to pursue would allow for

1 cost analysis of Option 3, and other details to be pulled together by the next meeting.
2 The Board could then vote it onto the Warrant.

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4 Warrant Committee member Carmen Sanford asked why the Somesville Fire Station
5 couldn't be used. Chief Bender noted that the majority of the calls are from Northeast
6 Harbor, and that makes coverage in Northeast Harbor the priority. Somesville will
7 become an ideal place for a Fire Department if Fire becomes an island-wide
8 consolidation.

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10 It was noted that there were no plans right now to close a fire station, but it is a
11 possibility that as a new building opens, an old building could be decommissioned.
12 Chief Bender noted that closing a fire station can raise homeowner's insurance rates
13 in the area.

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15 If a new fire station was built, installing solar panels would be looked at.

16
17 The possibility of cross training to provide more support to the ambulance was
18 discussed. Chief Bender said a growing number of calls were to assist Ambulance.

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20 Discussion of using some of the Cranberry Island parking lot for a new station was
21 discussed. The lot is full in the summer.

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23 After further discussion, it was the Board's consensus that the issue required more
24 review and research. The time to do so should be taken, and should a viable option
25 be found a special Town Meeting can be held to discuss it.

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27 No action was taken.

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29 **E. Department of Labor Safety Works Inspection**

30 Town Manager Durlin Lunt reported on the surprise inspection from the Department
31 of Labor. The Department of Labor inspector was very impressed with the
32 Departments she saw.

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34 Manager Lunt noted the Leaders Program, a safety program the Town engages in,
35 will be modified into a total worker's compensation program. The Town will apply
36 for this new program when it is in operation. This reduces the Town's workers
37 compensation obligations.

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39 Mr. Mooers thanked the Department Heads for their work that resulted in such a
40 clean inspection.

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42 **F. Review and Votes on Warrant Articles for May 4 and 5, 2020 Annual Town**
43 **Meeting**

A review of the Warrant Articles was made.

Article 3: *To see if non-voters shall be allowed, when recognized, to speak during the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 3 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 4: *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to approve an expenditure of \$500.00 from the Animal Welfare Reserve Account #4040700-24204 to Acadia Veterinary Hospital as a donation for the benefit of the Town of Mount Desert Feral Cat Program.*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 4 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 5: *Shall an ordinance dated May 5, 2020 and entitled "Town of Mount Desert Alewife Ordinance" be enacted? The ordinance reads, in its entirety, "Regulations for the taking of alewives and blue back herring shall be as follows: For the year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 there shall be no taking of Alewives and Blue Back Herring in the Town of Mount Desert."*

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, to recommend Article 5 for passage, as presented Motion approved 4-0.

Article 6: *Shall an ordinance dated May 5, 2020 and entitled "Amendments to the Town of Mount Desert Sewer Ordinance" be enacted as follows?*

Director Smith noted the change involves connecting to the sewer under certain circumstance would now go to the Public Works Director for a decision, instead of the Board.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, to recommend Article 6 for passage, as presented Motion approved 4-0.

Article 7: *Shall an ordinance dated May 5, 2020 and entitled "Amendments to the Town of Mount Desert Special Amusement Permit Ordinance to amend the Permit Fees under the Ordinance and to amend the Term of the Ordinance" be enacted as follows?*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding to recommend Article 7 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 14: *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Conditional Gifts (MRSA 30-A, §5654), Unconditional Gifts (MRSA 30-A §5655), equipment, proceeds from sale of fire equipment or funds on behalf of the Municipal Fire Department. It is understood that any funds received will be placed in the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.*

1 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
2 Article 14 for passage, as presented Motion approved 4-0.

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4 **Article 15:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
5 *authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease a portion of the so-called Visitor Center at*
6 *the Northeast Harbor Marina to the Ticket Booth operators for a term of one (1) year*
7 *beginning July 1, 2020 under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in*
8 *its sole discretion, deems to be in the best interests of the Town.*

9 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
10 15 for passage, as presented Motion approved 4-0.

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12 **Article 16:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
13 *authorize the Board of Selectmen, to lease a portion of the so-called Visitor Center at*
14 *the Northeast Harbor Marina to the Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce for a term*
15 *of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2020 under such terms and conditions as the Board*
16 *of Selectmen, in its sole discretion, deems to be in the best interests of the Town.*

17 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconded, to recommend
18 Article 16 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

19
20 **Article 17:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will authorize the*
21 *Board of Selectman, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Neighborhood*
22 *House Club, Inc. for management and maintenance of the municipal swimming pool,*
23 *under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectman, in its sole discretion,*
24 *deems to be in the best interests of the Town.*

25 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
26 Article 17 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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28 **Article 19:** *To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
29 *authorized the Board of Selectmen to lease the so-called "Bait House" located at 26*
30 *Dodge Point Road in the Village of Seal Harbor found on Tax Map 1 Lot 15 of the*
31 *Town of Mount Desert's tax maps, to the Seal Harbor Fisherman's Association for a*
32 *term of five (5) years, said term beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30,*
33 *2025, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in its sole*
34 *discretion, deems to be in the best interests of the Town and in general conformance*
35 *with the lease agreement.*

36 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
37 Article 19 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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39 **Article 20:** *Shall the voters of the Town of Mount Desert authorize the Town to*
40 *appropriate funds from the Marina Unassigned Fund Balance (Town Account #600-*
41 *38300) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to finance professional technical*
42 *inspection services (the "Project") related to the performance of an inspection of all*
43 *structural components of the Northeast Harbor pier, said services to include but not*

1 *be limited to, mobilization, diving inspection, materials testing (including but not*
2 *limited to steel and rebar), determination(s) of the load limits of sections of the pier,*
3 *video inspection and recording, and preparation and submission to the Town of a*
4 *technical report, said report to include inspection findings and recommendations for*
5 *pier improvements (including recommendations of what components of the pier can*
6 *be repaired and what portions should be replaced), and to further authorize the*
7 *Board of Selectmen to execute any and all contracts and documents and do any and*
8 *all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the project?*

9 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend
10 Article 20 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.
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12 **Article 21:** *Shall the voters of the Town of Mount Desert authorize the Town to enter*
13 *into an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (the Agreement), a*
14 *copy of which is included in Appendix ABC (the Agreement) under the MDOT*
15 *Municipal Partnership Initiative program, for technical and construction services*
16 *related to improvements of State Route 198 beginning approximately at its*
17 *intersection with State Route 233 (Eagle Lake Road) and proceeding approximately*
18 *0.153 miles (810-feet) southerly along State Route 198 ending at or near a point in*
19 *State Route 198 that is at its intersection with the southerly entrance to the Butler*
20 *Road, said beginning and ending points shown on the attached project site map*
21 *included herein in Appendix DEF (Site Map); with construction of said improvements*
22 *to begin on or after September 7, 2020 and ending for a seasonal shutdown on or*
23 *before November 21, 2020 and resuming, if necessary, on or after March 28, 2021 to*
24 *be ready for final completion on or before May 25, 2021 and including, but not*
25 *necessarily being limited to, reclaiming (grinding and leaving in place) the existing*
26 *pavement, grading and compacting these materials, construction of new base and*
27 *surface pavement layers on the reclaimed materials, construction of four-foot (4')*
28 *wide extended shoulders on each side of the road, drainage improvements and other*
29 *typical roadway improvements associated with projects of this kind, and further*
30 *authorizing the Board of Selectmen to execute such Agreement, and all related*
31 *contracts and documents, and to do any and all things necessary or convenient to*
32 *implement this Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation?*

33 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding to recommend
34 Article 21 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.
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36 **Article 22:** *Shall the voters of the Town of Mount Desert authorize the Town to issue*
37 *general obligation bonds or notes of the Town in a principal amount not to exceed*
38 *\$295,000.00 (two-hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars) to fund the Town's 50%*
39 *cost share for construction of roadway improvements to Route 198 in accordance*
40 *with the Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation described in*
41 *Article X above; and further shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute*
42 *any and all contracts and documents and do any and all things necessary or*

1 *convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Town, which may be callable, and to*
2 *accomplish the project?*

3 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article
4 22 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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6 **Article 23:** *Shall the voters of the Town of Mount Desert authorize the Town to*
7 *allocate any unspent funds originally appropriated in connection with the 2017-2018*
8 *and the 2018-2019 State Route 198 Maine Department of Transportation's Municipal*
9 *Partnership Initiative projects approved at the May 2017 and May 2018 Town*
10 *Meeting's to the work described in Article X above?*

11 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article
12 23 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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14 **Article 24:** It was agreed this Article would be removed from the Warrant.

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16 **Article 25:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
17 *authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend on behalf of the Town*
18 *additional state, federal and other funds (including unconditional gifts of money)*
19 *received during the fiscal year 2020-2021 for Town purposes, provided that such*
20 *additional funds do not require expenditure of local funds not previously*
21 *appropriated.*

22 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
23 25 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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25 **Article 26:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
26 *approve July 1, each year, as the date on which all taxes shall be due and payable*
27 *providing that all unpaid taxes on September 1, of each year, shall be charged*
28 *interest at an annual rate of 9% (percent) per year. (Tax Club members are exempt*
29 *within the terms and conditions of the Town's Tax Club Agreement.)*

30 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
31 Article 26 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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33 **Article 27:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
34 *authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard "tax club" agreement with*
35 *taxpayers whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the*
36 *Town based on the taxpayer's estimated and actual tax obligation for current year*
37 *property taxes (real estate and/or personal); (2) the Town agrees to waive interest on*
38 *timely payments; (3) the Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept payment of*
39 *taxes prior to commitment of taxes; with the understanding that any prepayments*
40 *made prior to receipt of tax club agreement will reduce the principle amount used to*
41 *calculate the 10 monthly payments as stated on the tax club agreement. (4) the*
42 *agreement automatically terminates if two consecutive payments are missed and the*
43 *taxpayer thereupon becomes subject to the same due date and interest rate as other,*

1 *nonparticipating taxpayers; (5) only taxpayers who are paid in full on their property*
2 *tax obligations may participate; and (6) interested taxpayers shall apply annually for*
3 *participation by the date shown on the application, date and application format to be*
4 *determined by the Tax Collector.*

5 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
6 27 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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8 **Article 28:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
9 *authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, with no interest*
10 *to be paid on same.*

11 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding to recommend
12 Article 28 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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14 **Article 29:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to set the*
15 *interest rate to be paid by the Town for abated taxes that have been paid at the rate of*
16 *5% (percent) per year.*

17 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
18 Article 29 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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20 **Article 30:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
21 *authorize expenditures to pay any tax abatements granted by the Assessor, Board of*
22 *Assessment Review, or Board of Selectmen together with any interest due thereon*
23 *from the Town, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in an aggregate amount*
24 *not to exceed the property tax commitment overlay.*

25 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
26 30 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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28 **Article 31:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
29 *authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose by public bid of Town-owned property,*
30 *other than real property with a value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less*
31 *under such terms and conditions as it deems advisable.*

32 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
33 31 for passage as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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35 **Article 32:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
36 *authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction or by advertised sealed bid,*
37 *and to convey titles obtained under tax deeds and under deeds of conveyance to the*
38 *Inhabitants of the Town any land and/or buildings, including trailers, in lieu of*
39 *payment of taxes except that the Selectmen have the power to authorize redemption.*
40 *Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRS §943-C for*
41 *qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former*
42 *owner(s).*

1 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend
2 Article 32 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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4 **Article 33:** *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to*
5 *authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for services, in amounts not to exceed*
6 *appropriation for same, under such terms and conditions as it deems advisable.*

7 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend
8 Article 33 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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10 **Article 36:** *Shall the Town of Mount Desert be authorized to appropriate an amount*
11 *not to exceed \$65,000.00 from the Capital Gains Reserve Account #400-24200 to*
12 *finance professional technical survey, design, local information gathering and*
13 *bidding services associated with improvements to the Town's Indian Point Road*
14 *beginning at its intersection with the Pretty Marsh Road and extending in a northerly*
15 *direction approximately 4,700-feet to its intersection with the Town's Gray Farm*
16 *Road with said improvements including, but not necessarily being limited to,*
17 *construction of extended paved shoulders to positively impact, and enhance safety*
18 *for, pedestrian, bicycling and vehicular traffic, improved drainage and construction*
19 *of a paved overlay of the traveled way of the project area and further shall the Board*
20 *of Selectmen be authorized to execute any and all contracts and documents and do*
21 *any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the project?*

22 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article
23 36 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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25 **Article 37:** *Shall the voters of the Town of Mount Desert authorize the Town to*
26 *appropriate an amount not to exceed \$70,000 from the Capital Gains Reserve*
27 *Account #400-24200 (in order to supplement the funds authorized by the Town*
28 *Meeting provided by approval of the 2019 Warrant Article #30 in an amount not to*
29 *exceed \$160,000) so that, in the aggregate, there are sufficient funds to finance an*
30 *updated final set of improvements to the "Seal Harbor Bait House" building (the*
31 *"Building") now estimated will not exceed \$230,000 (the "Project") including*
32 *professional technical services and construction work necessary to modify the*
33 *Building in order to address (1) the roof system structure and (2) other physical*
34 *changes to the Building including but not limited to, building support columns, stair*
35 *case, decking around the Building, the electrical entrance for the Building, in order*
36 *to conform with national and local Code and Ordinance requirements, including*
37 *FEMA flood insurance requirements, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen*
38 *or its designee to execute any and all contracts and documents and do all things*
39 *necessary or convenient to accomplish the Project?*

40 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, to recommend Article
41 37 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.
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Article 38: *To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to create a new Benefit Accrual Reserve Account in the amount of \$187,750 to be funded from the Town's Capital Gains Account 400-24202. Said benefits to consist of Vacation Wages, Paid Compensation Time, Floating Holiday Compensation, bonus compensation, and Sick Leave Bonus Wages, all of which shall be subject to such terms and conditions, personnel policies, employment or labor agreements and other policies or provisions as may be changed or negotiated from time to time by the officers of the Town of Mount Desert, its insurance carriers and brokers, and employees. Subsequent funding for this reserve account shall be considered through the General Fund during the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Mount Desert.*
MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 38 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 39: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and/or appropriate as Revenue through Excise Taxes, Service Fees and miscellaneous sources for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$1,298,510.00)*
MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 39 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 40: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 200 through 221 General Government – Governing Body (Board of Selectmen), Municipal Management, Town Clerk, Registrar, Elections, Planning Board, Finance, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessment, Code Enforcement Unallocated Funds, Human Resources, and Technology for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$1,481,221.00)*
MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 40 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 41: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 300 General Assistance Support for the 2020-2021 Town Budget (Board recommends \$5,000.00)*
MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 41 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 42: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 350 Rural Wastewater Support for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$195,694.00)*
MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 42 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 43: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 406 Street Lights for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$25,750.00)*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 43 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 44: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 401 and 408 Public Safety – Police and Communications (Dispatch) for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$1,249,666.00)*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 44 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 45: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 403, 404, and 409 Public Safety – Fire Department, Hydrants, and Emergency Management for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$930,327.00)*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, to recommend Article 45 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 46: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 501, 515, 520 and 525 Public Works – Roads, Waste Management, Buildings & Grounds, Parks & Cemeteries, and 530 Environmental Sustainability for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$2,698,230.00)*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 46 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 47: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 505 and 506 Sewers (Wastewater Treatment) for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$1,021,222.00)*

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 47 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 48: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 605 Recreation (Public Pool – Utilities & Maintenance) for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$5,900.00)*

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 48 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 49: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 701 Economic/Community Development for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$12,000.00)*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to recommend Article 49 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 50: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 801 Debt Service for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$1,902,977.00)*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 50 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 52: *To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to raise and appropriate for Department 991 Capital Improvement Plan transfers for the 2020-2021 Town Budget. (Board recommends \$621,570.00)*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 52 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

Article 54: *To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to ratify the Board of Selectmen's approval of the Marina Proprietary Fund budget. Revenue: \$740,028.00, Expense: \$740,028.00.*

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to recommend Article 54 for passage, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

It was noted that the figures as stated in the Warrant can be discussed at the Town Meeting, and a lower figure can be approved, but not a higher figure. Treasurer Mahar clarified that if an Article is to decide what sum the Town wants to raise, then a figure can be raised or lowered. Any changes like this can be voted on during Town Meeting, and an amount that has been changed is referred back to the SelectBoard for decisions on distribution.

It was noted the Third-Party requests would be discussed at the next meeting. Warrant Committee Chair Phil Lichtenstein noted the Warrant Committee would like to participate in those talks.

VIII. Other Business

A. Such other business as may be legally conducted

There was no Other Business.

IX. Treasurer's Warrants

A. Approve & Sign Treasurer Warrant AP 2047 in the amount of \$383,296.59

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, approval and signature of Treasurer Warrant AP 2047 in the amount of \$383,296.59, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

B. Approve Signed Treasurer Payroll State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP 2045, AP 2046 and PR 2017 in the amounts of \$1,998.49, \$30,134.73, and \$103,815.81, respectively

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of signed Treasurer Payroll State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP 2045, AP 2046 and PR 2017 in the amounts of \$1,998.49, \$30,134.73, and \$103,815.81, respectively, as presented. Motion approved 3-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 09 and 17 in the amounts of \$145,287.61 and \$83,228.02, respectively

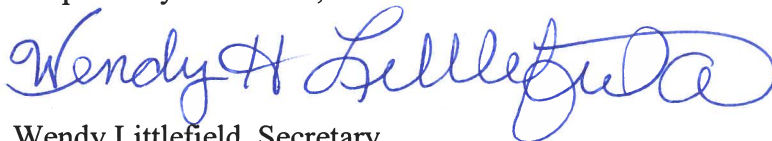
MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 09 and 17 in the amounts of \$145,287.61 and \$83,228.02, respectively, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, adjournment. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy Littlefield, Secretary