

Town of Mount Desert
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2018
Location: Meeting Room, Town Hall, Northeast Harbor

Present were Chairman John Macauley, Selectmen Wendy Littlefield and Matt Hart.

Town Manager Durlin Lunt, CEO Kimberly Keene, Fire Chief Mike Bender, Harbormaster John Lemoine, and Public Works Director Tony Smith.

Members of the public were also present.

I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Macauley called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

II. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval of the Minutes of February 5, 2018 as presented. Motion approved 3-0.

B. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2018 Special BOS Meeting

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2018 as presented. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

A. Appointment of Nathan Smallidge of Mount Desert as a part-time seasonal employee in the Public Works Department primarily as a helper in the Solid Waste Division on one of the two MSW packer trucks for the summer collection season, but also working in other divisions of Public Works as needed, at an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour. Effective May 14, 2018 with said appointment ending on or before October 12, 2018.

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B. Appointment of Ralph Colson Jr. as a part-time seasonal employee in the Public Works Department primarily as a helper in the Wastewater Division, but also working in other divisions of Public Works as needed, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour. Effective May 14, 2018 with said appointment ending on or before October 12, 2018.

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1 C. *Appointment of Shelby Allen as part-time (on-call) firefighter to the Mount Desert*
2 *Fire Department effective February 21, 2018 at \$13.25 per hour.*

3 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, Appointment of
4 Shelby Allen as part-time (on-call) firefighter to the Mount Desert Fire Department effective
5 February 21, 2018 at \$13.25 per hour, as presented. Motion approved 3-0.
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7 D. *Appointment of Laura Flannery to the Shellfish Conservation Committee*

8 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, appointment of
9 Laura Flannery to the Shellfish Conservation Committee as presented. Motion approved 3-0.
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11 E. *Appointment of Brian Silverman to the Shellfish Conservation Committee*

12 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, appointment of
13 Brian Silverman to the Shellfish Conservation Committee, as presented. Motion approved 3-
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16 F. *Appointment of Rustin Taylor to the Shellfish Conservation Committee*

17 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, appointment of
18 Rustin Taylor to the Shellfish Conservation Committee, as presented. Motion approved 3-0.
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20 **IV. Consent Agenda**

21 A. *Letter from the Department of Health and Human Services dated February 1, 2018,*
22 *regarding the status of Mount Desert's compliance with General Assistance Statutes*

23 B. *Letter from the Island Housing Trust dated February 9, 2018*

24 C. *2018 County of Hancock Tax Assessment/Recapitulation and Allocations*

25 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval of the
26 Consent Agenda as presented. Motion approved 3-0.
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28 **V. Selectmen's Reports**

29 There were none.
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31 **VI. Old Business**

32 A. *Discussion of Mobile Vendor Locations for 2018*

33 Chairman Macauley informed those present that no decisions would be made on this issue
34 until there was a full Board present.
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36 Town Manager Lunt reported that it appeared there could be more applicants than expected
37 this year for the mobile vendor locations.
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39 Harbor Committee Member Rick Savage summarized the progress made so far on the issue.
40 He stated that the Harbor Committee is firm and unanimous in their desire to keep the mobile
41 vending units at the Harbor limited to two. The area would otherwise be overloaded in a
42 limited market. Harbor Committee Member Ted Bromage assured the Board that they were
43 very interested in the subject. With a finite amount of parking and a marina that was a draw
44 for visitors, cutting parking to accommodate vendors was a problem. Additionally, he was
45 concerned about the competition with the businesses in Town. Harbor Committee Member
46 Storey Litchfield reiterated the hope that mobile vendors remain limited to two at the harbor.
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1 CEO Keene reported that three applications have been received, and an additional two
2 potential vendors have spoken to her about applying. The ordinance states no more than five
3 mobile vendors.
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5 **VII. New Business**

6 A. *Service Groups/3rd Party Budget 2018-2019 Requests*

7 A review of the Service Groups was given:
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9 **Acadia Family Center:** Requesting \$2,000.00 - the same amount as last year, to upgrade
10 their web platform and communications.
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12 **Acadia Youth Sports:** Requesting \$1750.00 - the same amount as last year, to be used on
13 new equipment and scholarships.
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15 **AID Society of Otter Creek:** Requesting \$6,500.00 – the same amount as last year. The
16 funds will be used for building improvements.
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18 **American Red Cross:** No one was present to speak on behalf of the Red Cross.
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20 **Bar Harbor Food Pantry:** Is requesting \$3,000.00 - an increase of \$1000.00 from last
21 year's request. They are serving more people, and food expenses have increased. 31
22 residents of Mount Desert were served last year.
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24 **Neighborhood House:** Requesting \$47,000.00, as well as an additional \$38,000.00 for the
25 Youth Program, and \$3,000.00 for the Adult Program – this is the same amount as they have
26 requested for the past ten years, despite their budget having increased by 46% in those past
27 ten years.
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29 **Campfire Coalition:** Requesting \$3,000.00 - the same amount as last year. Each Town
30 contributes the same amount and 100% of the funding goes to those in need.
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32 **Downeast Community Partners:** Formerly the Washington Hancock Community Agency.
33 They are requesting \$1758.00 - the same amount as last year.
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35 **Downeast Horizons:** Requesting \$5,600.00 - the same amount as last year. They serve 30
36 people from the Town of Mount Desert, 200 people total.
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38 **Emmaus Homeless Shelter:** Requesting \$2053.00 - the same amount as last year.
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40 **Great Harbor Museum:** Requesting \$3700.00 - an additional \$300 from last year's request.
41 This is to offset the cost of public bathroom maintenance and supplies, due in part to
42 increased use from seasonal employees in the area.
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44 **Home Health Hospice:** Requesting \$1,500.00 - the same amount as last year.
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46 **Hospice Volunteers:** Requesting \$1,200.00 – the same amount as last year. Eleven patients
47 and families from Mount Desert were served last year, and five people from Mount Desert
48 were helped through bereavement support programs.

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2 **Island Connections:** Requesting \$2,000.00 - the same amount as last year. 18% of their
3 rides originate from Mount Desert, and 17% of their drivers are from Mount Desert. They
4 are also part of the Meals on Wheels program.
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6 **Island Explorer/Downeast Transportation:** Requesting \$14,000.00 - the same amount as
7 last year. Over 750,000 passengers were served last year. Katrina Carter inquired whether
8 Downeast Transportation might consider extending their service to cover the marathon. Paul
9 Murphy of Downeast Transportation noted it would be approximately \$100,000.00 to extend
10 services an additional week.
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12 **Island Housing Trust:** This was a first-time request for funding. The Island Housing Trust
13 is requesting \$5,000.00 for a housing study.
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15 **Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce:** Requesting \$34,750.00 - an amount reduced by
16 about 30%, in comparison to last year. This is due in part to increases in membership. The
17 money will be used for staffing the Visitor Center and events.
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19 **Life Flight:** Requesting \$1,000.00 - the same amount as last year. This is for funding
20 aircraft, education, and equipment. Eleven people were flown from Mount Desert Island last
21 year.
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23 **MD Commercial Development Corporation:** Requesting \$30,000.00. \$20,000.00 will be
24 used to fund consultant Jackie Hewett. \$10,000.00 will be used for miscellaneous
25 administrative expenses.
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27 **Historical Society:** Requesting \$2800.00 – an increase of \$300.00 from last year. Funding
28 will be for support services in Somesville, particularly for the pedestrian bridge, museum and
29 Selectman's Building.
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31 **Mount Desert Nursery School:** Requesting \$5,500.00 – a decrease of \$9,500.00 from last
32 year. This funding, along with grant money, will be used to bring the building in line with
33 State fire codes.
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35 **Mount Desert Nursing Association:** Requesting \$35,000.00 - an increase of \$6,000.00
36 from last year's request. The money requested will go to services for the Town of Mount
37 Desert.
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39 **Northeast Harbor Library:** Requesting \$20,500.00 - the same amount as last year. The
40 money goes towards programming and maintaining the archives.
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42 **Northeast Harbor Village Improvement:** Requesting \$5,000.00 - the same amount as last
43 year.
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45 **Seal Harbor Library Association:** Town Manager Lunt reported that the representative
46 planning to come was unable due to illness. She hoped the Board would excuse her absence.
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1 **Somesville Library Association:** Requesting \$9,000.00 - the same amount as last year. It
2 was noted the Community School in Somesville uses the library.

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4 **Somesville Village Improvement Society:** Requesting \$2500.00 – the same amount as last
5 year.

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7 **Seal Harbor Village Improvement:** Requesting \$40,000.00 – an increase of \$4,000.00
8 from last year. The funds are for caretaking Town properties, the beach and village green. It
9 was noted that having the Public Works Department do the work would cost the Town more.

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11 B. *Consider Supporting and Signing a Proclamation for Team Hailey Hugs*
12 The Board was unsure of what was being asked of them with regard to supporting and
13 signing a proclamation for Team Hailey Hugs. The Item was Tabled till more information
14 was available.

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16 **VIII. Other Business**

17 There was no other business.

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19 **IX. Treasurer's Warrants**

20 A. *Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP1850 in the amount of \$218,682.22*
21 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval and
22 Signature of Treasurer's Warrant AP1850 in the amount of \$218,682.22, as presented.
23 Motion approved 3-0.

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25 B. *Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP1848,*
26 *AP1849, and PR1818 in the amounts of \$27,762.47, \$1,373.25, and \$97,171.16, respectively*
27 Item B was tabled for lack of a quorum.

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29 C. *Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 17 in the amount of*
30 *\$165,918.48*
31 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, acknowledgement
32 of Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 17 in the amount of \$165,918.48, as
33 presented. Motion approved 3-0.

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35 **X. Adjournment**

36 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, adjournment.
37 Motion approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

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44 Wendy Littlefield, Secretary
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