

**Town of Mount Desert
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Meeting Room, Town Hall
6:30 PM, October 1, 2018**

Present were Chairman John Macauley, Selectmen Martha Dudman, Rick Mooers, Matt Hart, and Wendy Littlefield.

Also in attendance were Treasurer Kathi Mahar, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Tax Assessor Kyle Avila, Town Manager Durlin Lunt, and Fire Chief Mike Bender.

Members of the public were also present.

I. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from September 17, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval of the September 17, 2018 Minutes as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

II. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

A. Confirm Appointment of Lilian Andrews to the Zoning Board of Appeals

MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, confirmation of Lilian Andrews to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as presented and with thanks. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Confirm Appointment of Ninette Ferm as Warden for the November 6, 2018 State General and Referendum Election

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, confirmation of Ninette Ferm as Warden for the November 6, 2018 State General and Referendum Election, as presented and with thanks. Motion approved 5-0.

C. Resignation of Michael Jordan, Alternate CEO, effective September 20, 2018

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, acceptance of the resignation of Michael Jordan, Alternate CEO, effective September 20, 2018, as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

III. 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: Public Works

B. Thank you letter from Island Housing Trust and Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

C. Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes August 31, 2018

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Selectmen's Reports

There were no Selectman's Reports presented.

1 **V. Unfinished Business**

2 *A. Update regarding the reconsideration of the Northeast Harbor Main Street Project*

3 Public Works Director Tony Smith reported there was a meeting regarding the Main Street
4 Project on Thursday, September 27, 2018. There were approximately 15 to 20 people in
5 attendance. Director Smith was hopeful the group was moving toward a compromise in the
6 work the project encompasses. Excerpts from Director Smith's report describe the options as:

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- 8 - **Tracy Road Option (cost savings of \$800,000)** - This option would necessitate cable,
9 telephone and power lines to be buried in Main Street. The power line would be a
10 primary line but at lower voltage than that which would have been installed under
11 the original design. The cable and telephone must be put in Main Street due to the
12 location of their service areas.
 - 13 - **East Side of Main Street Option (cost savings of \$1,000,000)** - Leave the overhead
14 primary wires along the east side of main Street; continue to service the buildings
15 along the east side with overhead services and service the buildings on the west side
16 with underground services.
 - 17 - **North End of Main Street Option (cost savings of \$900,000)** - As you enter Main
18 Street from the north on Route 198, the overhead power lines cross Route
19 198/Main Street from the west to the east side then continue down Main Street
20 along the east side. They leave the west side at a pole in the general area of the
21 town parking lot near the Knowles Company and go to a pole on the east side near
22 FT Brown. They would then proceed southerly to a pole near the post office then to
23 an existing pole on the corner of Sea Street and Main Street near Carter's Real
24 Estate. The thought was to not cross Main Street from the pole at the parking lot
25 but to keep these wires on the west side of the street and go overhead across
26 Summit Road to a new pole then cross Main Street to the existing pole near Carter's
27 Real Estate. Buildings on the east side of Main Street presently served by the wires
28 affected by this change would be serviced by underground services from the
29 relocated wires. It was then proposed to go underground with the wires from the
30 pole near Carter's Real Estate to the pole near Shaw's Jewelers, eliminating the pole
31 between the two in front of Main Street Variety. The wires would then continue
32 overhead south along the east side of Main Street servicing the buildings with
33 overhead services to the east and underground to the west, both in the manner as
34 in Option 3 above. This center pole in front of the gas station poses traffic and
35 parking problems.
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37 Public Works Director Smith opined that the East side option was the least intrusive to the Main
38 St. businesses.

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40 Selectman Dudman asked about the disruption to the business owners. Director Smith felt the
41 options discussed would all be less invasive than the original plan. For example, a trench
42 running the length of the street would no longer be necessary.

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44 Director Smith noted he was scheduled to meet with the Water District to assess their need of a
45 new water main. The cost of the water main was not taken into account in the cost savings.
46 The work was under the Water District's purview and would be paid for by them.

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1 November or December 2018 was now the estimated scheduled start date. Director Smith
2 reiterated that regardless of the start date, no work would extend beyond May 24, 2019. The
3 street would have at least a base coat of pavement or cold patch for the summer, and signs of
4 construction would be removed for the summer. Work would resume Fall 2019 and extend into
5 Spring 2020.

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7 No new boxes or volts should be necessary. If the Tracy Road project is the project chosen to
8 use, there would be primary power line extending into Main St. Regardless of the option
9 chosen, there will still be telephone and cable lines needed, either overhead or underground.

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11 Resident Ben Moores inquired whether the work would be re-bid. Director Smith did not feel
12 the work would require rebidding. Essentially the only change is to how the electric is wired. It
13 does not cause a substantial enough change to require a full re-bid.

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15 Director Smith reiterated there would be stubs installed for the empty lots, as originally
16 planned. These stubs would be behind the sidewalks and would not necessitate opening the
17 sidewalks or roads for connection.

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19 Resident Katrina Carter asked about the corner of the Hamor Lot. She reported the rumor that
20 the Maine Seacoast Mission would be removing the pole there. Director Smith assured her that
21 if property owners or residents removed a pole, they would have to either replace the pole, or
22 relocate the wires underground.

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24 Discussion returned to the schedule. Director Smith explained that winter weather could result
25 in a request for an extension; however the work would remain essentially the same. He
26 reiterated that in May the area will be passable to traffic.

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28 Lamp posts were discussed. Director Smith reported discussion of posts over the crosswalks and
29 intersections.

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31 Mr. Moore asked when the final decision would be made. Director Smith hoped that by the
32 next Board of Selectman Meeting a decision can be made and the process can start.

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34 Director Smith reported that Emera has still not offered on official position or approval.

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36 Selectman Hart lauded Public Works Director Smith's gargantuan efforts during this contentious
37 process. The Board echoed Selectman Hart's sentiment.

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39 *B. Execution of the bond document for the \$154,500.00 General Obligation Bond issued by First*
40 *National Bank effective October 1, 2018 for the purchase of the new street sweeper*
41 *approved at the September 10, 2018 special town meeting*

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43 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, execution of the bond
44 document for the \$154,500.00 General Obligation Bond issued by First National Bank effective
45 October 1, 2018 for the purchase of the new street sweeper approved at the September 10,
46 2018 special town meeting, as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

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VI. New Business

A. Public Space Special Event Application: Northeast Harbor Fest/Marc Fink; Northeast Harbor Marina Green, August 31- September 2, 2019

Town Manager Lunt noted this event has been held two years previously, but was not held this year. Mr. Fink would like to come back for next year.

MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval of Public Space Special Event Application: Northeast Harbor Fest/Marc Fink; Northeast Harbor Marina Green, August 31- September 2, 2019, as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Request to approve and expend \$15,000.00 from the Assessing Department account #1220660-53620 for the upgrade to the Vision assessing software package and related services as approved in Article 44 at the May 8, 2018 Town Meeting, and authorization to sign the contract for the upgrade with Vision Government Solutions Inc.

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, approval and expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Assessing Department account #1220660-53620 for the upgrade to the Vision assessing software package and related services as approved in Article 44 at the May 8, 2018 Town Meeting, and authorize signature of the contract for the upgrade with Vision Government Solutions Inc., as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

C. Request approval to purchase two 6" Simplex pumps at a reduced rate of \$32,770.00 from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Reserve Account# 4050500-24501 for the Seal Harbor treatment plant

MOTION: Selectman Littlefield moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval to purchase two 6" Simplex pumps at a reduced rate of \$32,770.00 from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Reserve Account# 4050500-24501 for the Seal Harbor treatment plant, as proposed. Motion approved 5-0.

VII. Other Business

A. Such other business as may be legally conducted

Town Manager Lunt reminded the Board of the Island Elected Officials Meeting October 18, 2018 at the Somesville Fire Station. A review of which Board Members could attend was made.

Selectman Hart reminded the Board that the Board agreed to accommodate the marathon this year by closing part of Route 102 in Somesville. Selectman Hart hoped the Town would make every effort to get the word out to the public to warn them of this closure.

VIII. Treasurer's Warrants

A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP1918 in the amount of \$673,070.96

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval and signature of Treasurer's Warrant AP1918 in the amount of \$673,070.96, as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP1916, AP1917, and PR1906 in the amounts of \$3,705.25, \$6,272.75, and \$109,711.19, respectively

1 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of signed
2 Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, and PR Benefit Warrants AP1916, AP1917, and PR1906 in the
3 amounts of \$3,705.25, \$6,272.75, and \$109,711.19, respectively, as presented. Motion
4 approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).
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6 *C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 07 in the amount of*
7 *\$177,344.87*
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9 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, acknowledgement of
10 Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 07 in the amount of \$177,344.87, as presented.
11 Motion approved 5-0.
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13 **IX. Adjournment**

14 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, adjournment.
15 Motion approved 5-0.
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17 The meeting was adjourned at 6:57.
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