

**Town of Mount Desert
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Room, Town Hall
6:00 PM, December 2, 2019**

Select Board Members Present: Chair John Macauley, Matt Hart, Martha Dudman, Rick Mooers, Wendy Littlefield

Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, and members of the Public were also present.

I. Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Macauley at 6:00 PM.

II. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) Town Manager Annual Review

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, entering into Executive Session.

Motion approve 5-0. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:00PM.

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to leave Executive Session.

Motion approved 5-0. The Board left Executive Session at 6:43PM.

III. Post Executive Session

A. Town Manager Annual Review, action if necessary

No Action was taken.

IV. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of the November 18, 2019

Minutes as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

V. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

A. Resignation of Beth Renault from the Planning Board as an Alternate Member

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, acceptance of resignation of Beth Renault from the Planning Board as an Alternate Member, as presented, and with thanks for her service. Motion approved 5-0.

VI. 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. Planning Board Minutes of October 9 and 23, 2019

B. Mount Desert - 2019-2020 Workers' Compensation Fund Benefit Summary

C. League of Towns Elected Officials Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2019

D. Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2019

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

VII. Selectmen's Reports

1 Mr. Hart shared concerns residents have had regarding recent break-ins in Northeast Harbor.
2 Residents are voicing concerns to him regarding people moving into the community who are not
3 participating, engaged members. He wondered if encouraging conversation on this subject
4 would be of benefit. Ms. Littlefield added that she had heard similar concerns. She wondered if
5 more police presence in the village would help. Town Manager Lunt noted he had not heard
6 complaints and agreed to discuss the concerns with Chief Willis. Chair Macauley wondered if
7 lodging rezoning was an issue the LUZO Advisory Committee was discussing. He recalled the
8 issue being discussed in previous years.
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10 **VIII. Unfinished Business**

11 None presented
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13 **IX. New Business**

14 *A. Mount Desert 365 update on the building project on Old Firehouse Lane*

15 Kathy Miller of Mount Desert 365 updated the Board on progress on the building project on Old
16 Firehouse Lane. Due to finding ledge, the project was approximately a week behind schedule.
17 She expected that by the end of the year the roof trusses would be up and the building
18 enclosed. August 1, 2020 was the move-in date.
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20 After discussions with the Planning Board and hearing their concerns, some changes to the
21 original plan have occurred. There will be two apartments instead of three, and two stories
22 instead of three. There were concerns regarding parking, so Mount Desert 365 is building in 10
23 to 12 parking spaces on site, and a sidewalk from East to West for public use. Ms. Miller
24 reminded the Board the area was complicated with multiple lots within the one lot. A Boundary
25 Agreement has been created to make property line determinations. Ms. Miller noted there
26 could be a possible curbcut required for the parking area.
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28 Public Works Director Tony Smith shared that a member of the Economic Development
29 Committee watched parking in the lot during July and August of this past summer. There were
30 regularly 20 – 30 vacant parking spots at any given time during that review.
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32 Mr. Mooers noted that Mount Desert residents have asked him what Mount Desert 365 is doing
33 in other villages. He mentioned the growth occurring in other villages. Ms. Miller reported that
34 the intention of Mount Desert 365 has been to start with Northeast Harbor because this is
35 where the biggest declines in housing and population have occurred. These declines have
36 impacted businesses negatively.
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38 Mount Desert 365 is coordinating with the Economic Development Committee. The LUZO
39 Advisory Committee is reviewing zoning for some of these areas as well. These groups working
40 in concert hope to identify areas where commercial activity can be increased or introduced.
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42 Chair Macauley mentioned that the LUZO Advisory Committee has had plans for meetings in
43 Otter Creek, however those meetings haven't happened. Ms. Miller thought the LUZO Advisory
44 Committee was looking at zoning specifically in Otter Creek. Mr. Mooers confirmed Otter Creek
45 and Somesville were topics of discussion at the last meeting.
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47 Ms. Dudman pointed out that the Mount Desert 365 is a private organization. Their activity is
48 their prerogative.
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1 B. Consideration by the Board of Selectmen of casting their vote on behalf of the Town of
2 Mount Desert for Public Works Director Tony Smith for a second three-year term as an MRC
3 director, said term being from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022, and returning the
4 executed ballot by end of day December 6, 2019

5 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding to approve the Board of
6 Selectmen of casting their vote on behalf of the Town of Mount Desert for Public Works Director
7 Tony Smith for a second three-year term as an MRC director, said term being from January 1,
8 2020 to December 31, 2022, and returning the executed ballot by end of day December 6, 2019,
9 as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

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11 **X. Other Business**

12 A. Such other business as may be legally conducted

13 Public Works Director Smith reported that he had a Trustee's meeting at the high school.
14 Improvements at the library and the science labs will be discussed.

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16 **XI. Treasurer's Warrants**

17 A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant Accounts Payable (AP) AP2033 to be presented at
18 meeting

19 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval and signature of
20 Treasurer's Warrant Accounts Payable (AP) AP2033 in the amount of \$256,348.99, as presented.
21 Motion approved 5-0.

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23 B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll (PR), State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2031, AP2032,
24 and PR2012 in the amounts of \$1,140.56, \$5,186.50, and \$109,301.58, respectively

25 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of signed Treasurer's Payroll
26 (PR), State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2031, AP2032, and PR2012 in the amounts of
27 \$1,140.56, \$5,186.50, and \$109,301.58, respectively, as presented. Motion approved 4-0-1
28 (Littlefield in Abstention)

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30 C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board PR Warrant 11 in the amount of \$173,494.99

31 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's
32 School Board PR Warrant 11 in the amount of \$173,494.99, as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

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34 **XII. Adjournment**

35 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, adjournment. Motion approved
36 5-0.

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38 Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

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40 Respectfully Submitted,

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44 Wendy Littlefield, Secretary