

Town of Mount Desert
Board of Selectmen Special Budget and Ordinance Review Meeting Minutes
Meeting Room, Town Hall
6:30 PM, February 19, 2019

Present were Chairman John Macauley, Selectman Rick Mooers, Matt Hart, and Martha Dudman.

Present were Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, and Public Works Director Tony Smith.

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

Chairman Macauley called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

II. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from February 4, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Mooers seconding, approval of the February 4, 2019 Minutes as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

III. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

A. Accept resignation of Patrol Officer Ryan Lawson effective February 4, 2019

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, acceptance of the resignation of Patrol Office Ryan Lawson effective February 4, 2019, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Department Reports: Public Works

B. Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes January 3, 10 and 22, 2019

C. MRC Newsletter; Issue 11.1/January 2019

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

V. Selectmen's Reports

There were no Selectmen's Reports presented.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Interlocal Agreement discussion

Attorney Andy Hamilton stated that a decision was made to defer the question of an Interlocal Agreement until the 2020 Annual Meeting. The issue will not be on the 2019 Town Meeting.

In the extra time this will give, Attorney Hamilton reported that the Town Manager would devise a process for the community that will involve discussion starting earlier in the year and accommodate those who choose to weigh in on the issue.

After some discussion, Resident Tom Wallace requested a formal Motion and vote from the Board deferring the issue.

1 MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Mooers seconding, to defer action for the
2 2019 Annual Town Meeting on the Interlocal Agreement.

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4 Selectman Hart noted that while the issue would be revisited, there is no guarantee that the
5 issue will be on the 2020 Town Meeting Warrant. It may be deemed more time is necessary.

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7 Resident Chris Moore inquired as to the cost of the attorney's fees incurred over the issue.
8 Town Manager Lunt noted he could provide those numbers. It's a matter of public record.

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10 Motion approve 4-0.

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12 **VII. New Business**

13 *A. Service Groups/3rd Party Budget 2019-2020 Requests*

14 Representatives of the following Service Groups presented their requests:

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16 **Downeast Transportation:** Paul Murphy requested \$14,000.00. The amount was unchanged
17 from last year. Downeast Transportation runs the Island Explorer buses.

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19 Resident Katrina Carter inquired whether the bus service might be extended to the Marathon
20 weekend to help with traffic. Mr. Murphy noted it was not currently in the plans. Such an
21 extension would cost the group upwards of \$100,000.00, and there was not enough funding for
22 such an amount. The Acadia National Park Transportation Plan might affect their scheduling.

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24 Ms. Carter asked why the group had no fundraisers. Mr. Murphy noted the group worked hard
25 on fundraising but did not do fundraisers. Downeast Transportation's annual budget is \$2.4
26 million dollars; most of that comes from their fundraising efforts.

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28 **Acadia Youth Sports:** Kyle McKim requested \$1,750.00. The amount requested was unchanged
29 from last year. This funding will go to scholarships for children.

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31 Ms. Carter asked if the money the Town gave was earmarked for just Mount Desert children.
32 Mr. McKim noted it was prioritized for Mount Desert children. If no Mount Desert children
33 require a scholarship, the money can be used for other children on the island.

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35 **AID Society of Otter Creek:** Representative John Macauley requested \$3,000.00. The amount
36 was lower than the previous year's request. This funding will be used for the Veteran's
37 Memorial in the village.

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39 **American Red Cross:** Ashley St. Louise requested \$1,500.00. The amount requested was
40 unchanged from last year. This funding will go towards emergency situation assistance, and
41 providing home smoke alarms for families.

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43 **Bar Harbor Food Pantry:** Jenny Jones requested \$3,500.00. This is an increase to last year's
44 request. This funding will go to offset an increase of 28% in use. 41 households in Mount
45 Desert were served last year.

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1 **Downeast Community Partners (formerly WHCA):** Sarah Nugent asked for \$2,280.00. This is an
2 increase from last year. This funding will go for social services in Hancock and Washington
3 Counties, particularly fuel assistance and transportation.
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5 **Downeast Horizons:** Ashley Johnson requested \$5,600.00. The amount of the request
6 remained unchanged from last year. This funding is for assisting people with developmental
7 disabilities and their families.
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9 **Eastern Area Agency on Aging:** Diane Walsh requested \$500.00. The Agency has not requested
10 funds in the past several years. This amount remains unchanged from previous requests. This
11 funding serves mostly older adults, with Meals on Wheels and prescription drug help, and
12 support for people living with dementia or Alzheimer's.
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14 **Emmaus:** Stacy Eric requested \$2,053.00. This amount remained unchanged from last year.
15 This funding supports shelter, food, clothing and financial support for families in need.
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17 **Families First Community Center:** Bonnie Jan Sears requested \$1,000.00. This was the
18 organization's first request. Funding supports families learning life skills to break the cycle of
19 poverty.
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21 **Great Harbor Maritime Museum:** Sidney Roberts Rockefeller requested \$5,000.00. This was an
22 increase from previous year's requests. The funds are for public restroom maintenance.
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24 **Health Equity Alliance (formerly Downeast AIDS Network):** Andrea Littlefield requested
25 \$500.00 (and not \$5,000.00 as the report stated). This organization has not requested funds for
26 several years. Funding supports the LGBTQ community, people living with HIV and Hepatitis C,
27 and opioid addiction.
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29 **Hospice of Hancock County:** Wayne Gregarson requested \$1,500.00. this amount remained
30 unchanged from last year. Funding is used for providing end of life services.
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32 **Island Connections:** David Opdyke requested \$2,500.00. This is a \$500.00 increase from last
33 year. Funding is used to provide transportation for the elderly and people with disabilities and
34 delivers Meals on Wheels.
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36 **Island Housing Trust:** Marla O'Byrne requested \$7,500.00. This is an increase from last year's
37 request. Funding supports finding or creating affordable year-round home ownership
38 opportunities.
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40 **Lifeflight:** Tom Judge requested \$1,000.00. This request is the same as last year's request.
41 Funding is used for support of EMS services and high-emergency transport.
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43 **MDI Campfire Coalition:** Anne-Marie Hart Requested \$3,000.00. This amount remained
44 unchanged from last year. Funding is used for Heating assistance for island residents.
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46 **Chamber of Commerce:** Tom Reeve requested \$27,500.00. This is a reduction from last year's
47 request. Funding supports such operations as creating business maps, bootcamp for businesses,
48 and events and activities in Mount Desert. It was noted anyone owning a business in the Town

1 of Mount Desert can be a member, therefore, a few business owners living in Bar Harbor and
2 Southwest Harbor are members.

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4 **Community Development Corporation:** \$30,000.00 was requested. This amount remained
5 unchanged from last year. Funding goes to economic development and projects promoting the
6 community.

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8 **MDI Historical Society:** Tim Garrity requested \$2,500.00. This amount was lower than last
9 year's request. Funding supports the Somesville campus, including the white footbridge, wi-fi,
10 summer port-a-potties, and exhibits in the museum.

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12 **Mount Desert Nursery School:** Aaron Long requested \$2,000.00. This amount was lower than
13 last year's requested amount. Funding will be used for maintenance work on the building.

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15 **Mount Desert Nursing Association:** Heather Lewis requested \$35,000.00. This amount
16 remained unchanged since last year. Funding will be used to support healthcare assistance in
17 Mount Desert.

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19 **Neighborhood House:** Anne-Marie Hart Requested \$88,000.00. This amount has remained
20 unchanged for the past several years. Neighborhood House serves as the Town of Mount
21 Desert's Parks and Recreation Department. Funding is used to support this effort.

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23 **Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service:** Scamp Gray requested \$10,000.00. This is the first time
24 this group has requested money from the Town. These funds will offset the cost of having to
25 implement paid on-call personnel, due to the low numbers of EMTs and paramedics affecting
26 emergency response.

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28 **Northeast Harbor Library:** Ellie Andrews requested \$20,500.00. This amount remained
29 unchanged since last year. Funding is used for acting as the MDES school library, maintaining
30 Town records, and community library services for Mount Desert and Cranberry Isles.

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32 **Northern Light Hospice (formerly Hancock County Homecare):** Requested \$1,200.00. This
33 amount has remained unchanged since last year. Funding supports hospice and palliative care
34 in Hancock County and the area islands.

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36 **Northeast Harbor Village Improvement Society:** Jerry Suminsby requested \$5,000.00. This
37 amount has remained unchanged since last year. Funding will be used for supporting the village
38 connector trails, and publishing trail maps.

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40 **Seal Harbor Library:** May Silverman requested \$4,000.00. This amount has remained
41 unchanged since last year. Funding will be used to support community library services for the
42 Village of Seal Harbor.

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44 **Seal Harbor VIS:** Larry Taylor requested \$45,000. This amount is an increase from last year.
45 Funding will support the growing workload at the public places in Seal Harbor; the beach, park,
46 restrooms, vegetation management, monument circle.

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1 **Somesville Library:** Jerry Miller requested \$9,000.00. This amount has remained unchanged
2 since last year. Funding will support community library services for the village of Somesville.
3 The library is used as the Community School's school library.

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5 **Somesville VIS:** Tom Fernald requested \$3,000.00. this is an increase since last year. Funding
6 will pay for work on the bridge fencing on Route 102.

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8 **Women, Infants, and Children:** Tawney Jacobs requested \$495. This is the first request for
9 funds made from this group. Funding will support travel cost for staff.

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11 *B. Consideration of a request for a waiver of Section 4.04 of the Town's Sewer*
12 *Ordinance requirement for a separate and individual sewer connection for individual Structures*
13 Public Works Director Smith recommended approval. Otherwise, a dig parallel to an existing
14 sewer line would have to be made, and another line installed in close quarters.

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16 It was noted the line has plenty of capacity and is Town-owned.

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18 MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Mooers seconding, approval of the request
19 for a waiver of Section 4.04 of the Town's Sewer Ordinance requirement for a separate and
20 individual sewer connection for individual structures, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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22 *C. Consideration of recommendation of PWD Tony Smith to retain the services of Hedefine*
23 *Engineering at their fee of \$13,180.00 to provide professional design and bidding services to the*
24 *town related to renovations to the bait house to bring it into compliance with current building*
25 *codes and, that funds from the Buildings & Grounds Reserve Account Number 4055200-*
26 ~~24751~~ 24571 *(corrected at the March 7, 2019 meeting) with a current balance of approximately*
27 *\$38,500 be used to pay for these services up to an amount of \$15,000.00 which includes*
28 *Hedefine's fee and a contingency for our use to address any unforeseen costs that might arise*
29 *and, that PWD Tony Smith be authorized to sign the agreement with Hedefine Engineering on*
30 *behalf of the Town* Public Works Director Smith noted that work was required to keep the Town-
31 owned property safe to use. The bait house was at the end of Dodge Point. The wooden posts
32 it stands on are deteriorating, the railings are weak and loose, and windows are missing.
33 Temporary repairs will have to be made in the interim. A co-op regularly uses the building.

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35 Director Smith noted that a repair over \$100,000.00 requires an engineer's professional design.
36 The building is a public building.

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38 Resident Ben Moore asked what the building is generating for rent. Rent was determined to be
39 minimal. Mr. Moore asked if anyone could rent the building. Director Smith thought
40 membership in the co-op was required to use the building.

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42 Mr. Moore voiced concern over a co-op getting primary use for a building the Town owned and
43 maintained. Director Smith pointed out the co-op paid for recent roof repairs.

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45 Selectman Hart noted that the building was Town-owned, therefore, the work must be done.
46 But a look at how the building was being used, by whom, and any compensation for the use
47 should be reviewed. Mr. Moore suggested talking to the co-op to see if they'd be willing to
48 contribute to the cost of the repairs. Director Smith felt that a Town-owned building makes it

1 the Town's responsibility to either maintain it or prohibit public use. It was not known how long
2 the lease on the building was.

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4 Mr. Moore suggested giving the land to the co-op. There were other examples of the Town
5 turning land and buildings over to other entities. Resident Phil Lichtenstein cautioned the Town
6 on divesting itself of water access. It's a valuable piece of property. Whether the co-op dictates
7 the use was unknown. It was unknown whether the Town had on file the co-op papers.

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9 Selectman Hart reiterated the issue should be looked into.

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11 MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, to retain the services of
12 Hedefine Engineering at their fee of \$13,180.00 to provide professional design and bidding
13 services to the town related to renovations to the bait house to bring it into compliance with
14 current building codes, and that funds from the Buildings Grounds Reserve Account Number
15 4055200-24751 24571 (corrected at the 3/7/19 meeting) with a current balance of
16 approximately \$38,500 be used to pay for these services up to an amount of \$15,000.00 which
17 includes Hedefine's fee and a contingency for our use to address any unforeseen costs that
18 might arise and, that PWD Tony Smith be authorized to sign the agreement with Hedefine
19 Engineering on behalf of the Town, as presented.
20 Motion approved 4-0.

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22 *D. DRAFT Warrant Review*

23 MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, to table the Item to the
24 Monday, February 25, 2019 Meeting. Motion approved 4-0.

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26 **VIII. Other Business**

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28 *A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*
29 There was no other business.

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31 **IX. Treasurer's Warrants**

32 *A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP1948 in the amount of \$345,770.41*

33 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval and signature of
34 Treasurer's Warrant AP1948 in the amount of \$345,770.41, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

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36 *B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP1947,*
37 *AP1916, and AP1916M in the amounts of \$31,738.67, \$102,481.51, and \$73.48,*
38 *Respectively*

39 *C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 08 and 17 in the*
40 *amounts of \$144,126.64 and \$176,772.63, respectively*

41 MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of signed
42 Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP1947,
43 AP1916, and AP1916M in the amounts of \$31,738.67, \$102,481.51, and \$73.48,
44 respectively, and acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 08 and 17 in the
45 amounts of \$144,126.64 and \$176,772.63, respectively, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.
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X. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectman Mooers moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding adjournment. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy Littlefield, Secretary