

**Town of Mount Desert  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Room, Town Hall  
6:30 PM, September 3, 2019**

Board Members Present: Selectmen Matt Hart, Martha Dudman, Chairman John Macauley, Wendy Littlefield

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

Members of the Public in attendance were Minot Weld, Dick Broom, Kathleen Miller, Jim Fuchs, Emily Fuchs.

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

Chairman Macauley called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**II. Executive Session**

*A. Pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) – Consultation between the Board and its Attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the Mount Desert Board of Selectmen with regards to policies and procedures*

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, to enter Executive Session. Motion approved 4-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:00PM.

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, to leave Executive Session. Motion approved 4-0.

The Board left Executive Session at 6:30PM.

**III. Minutes**

*A. Approval of minutes from August 19, 2019 meeting*

MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of the August 19, 2019 Minutes as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

**IV. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations**

None presented.

**V. 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 May 8 and July 24, 2019*

*B. Thank you letter from Women, Infants, and Children Program dated August 14, 2019*

*C. Thank you letter from Eastern Agency on Aging dated August 14, 2019*

- 1       D. *Thank you letter from Mount Desert Island Historical Society dated August 20, 2019*  
2       E. *Thank you letter from the Emmaus Homeless Shelter dated August 21, 2019*  
3       F. *Thank you letter from the Neighborhood House dated August 22, 2019*  
4       G. *Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019*  
5       MOTION: Selectman Littlefield moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, approval of the  
6       Consent Agenda as presented. Motion approved 4-0.  
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8       **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

9       None Presented.  
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11       **VII. Unfinished Business**

12       None presented.  
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14       **VIII. New Business**

- 15       A. *Citizen request for discussion of making the three-way intersection of Manchester Road-*  
16       *Sargeant Drive-Millbrook Road a three-way stop in the interest of safety*

17       Mount Desert Resident Minot Weld voiced concern for the pedestrian and bicycle traffic at the  
18       three-way intersection of Manchester Road, Sargeant Drive, and Millbrook Road. There are no  
19       sidewalks or bike lanes there and people drive at excessive speed. He inquired how to proceed  
20       with improving the safety at the site.  
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22       Police Chief Willis was unable to attend the meeting, but a discussion of the issue with him  
23       would be the first step. Town Manager Lunt noted that hearing Chief Willis' thoughts on the  
24       matter would be followed by a public informational meeting. Board members agreed it was a  
25       difficult intersection to navigate.  
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27       The new mobile trailer noting car speed was suggested as appropriate for the area as well.  
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29       Town Manager Lunt agreed to inform Mr. Weld of upcoming meetings discussing the issue.  
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- 31       B. *Consideration of the purchase of our FY-20 winter road salt from Harcross at a per ton cost*  
32       *of \$51.60 and authorization of PW Director Tony Smith, on behalf of the Town, to enter into*  
33       *an agreement with them to do so*

34       Public Works Director Smith noted the price was five cents less per ton than last year.  
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36       MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, approval of the  
37       purchase of FY-20 winter road salt from Harcross at a per ton cost of \$51.60 and  
38       authorization of PW Director Tony Smith, on behalf of the Town, to enter into an agreement  
39       with them to do so, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.  
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- 41       C. *Consideration of retaining Olver Associates to provide professional engineering services as*  
42       *described in their August 6, 2019 proposal to us for the improvements to the Gilpatrick Cove*  
43       *and Gary Moore pump stations at a not to exceed cost of \$75,000 using and expending funds*  
44       *from Account Number 3000048-57710 with a current balance of approximately \$409,780*  
45       *leaving a balance of \$334,780.*

- 46       D. *Consideration of the authorization of PW Director Tony Smith to sign the proposal with Olver*  
47       *Associates on behalf of the Town*

Director Smith noted this was not part of the CIP. CIP addresses replacement of the pump stations. This will replace the metal wetwell with concrete. Other metal wetwells have shown to be rusted.

MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, retaining Olver Associates to provide professional engineering services as described in their August 6, 2019 proposal to the Town for the improvements to the Gilpatrick Cove and Gary Moore pump stations at a not to exceed cost of \$75,000 using and expending funds from Account Number 3000048-57710 with a current balance of approximately \$409,780 leaving a balance of \$334,780, and authorizing PW Director Tony Smith to sign the proposal with Olver Associates on behalf of the Town, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

*E. Discussion of Somes Pond Bridge inspection report*

Public Works Director Smith noted the bridge in question was behind the Higgins Store in Somesville. The bridge was replaced in 2016/17 and is inspected every few years.

No action was taken.

*F. Policy on Remote Participation by Members of Certain Advisory Committees*

MOTION: Selectman Dudman moved, with Selectman Hart seconding, adoption of the Policy on Remote Participation by Members of Certain Advisory Committees, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

**IX. Other Business**

*A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*

Seal Harbor Residents Jim and Emily Fuchs voiced their concerns over the larger Island Explorer buses being used in the area. These buses are difficult to maneuver in the Villages of Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor. Additionally, the larger buses are often far from full.

Mr. Fuchs hoped the smaller buses could be used in Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor.

Buses run through the area four times per hour per day in the summer. The large buses are unable to maneuver around the Seal Harbor Beach parking lot and must make a turn around the fountain.

Chairman Macauley suggested perhaps limiting vehicles of a certain weight. It was felt the busses would be under any weight limit that could be imposed, and the roads they travel are state roads.

With the Seal Harbor parking lot being improved, the grading in the lot changed so the buses are no longer able to get in there without scraping the pavement.

Town Manager Lunt noted he has discussed the issue with Chief Willis, who promised to try to get to Seal Harbor to watch the bus situation. Further, Manager Lunt would bring up the subject at the next League of Towns meeting.

Director Smith noted that the upgrade to the Seal Harbor Beach parking lot has already resulted in parking spaces lost. He shared that Lieutenant Kerns is looking into the situation with Island Explorer at the behest of Chief Willis.

It was agreed to invite Island Explorer representative Paul Murphy to a Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss it. Selectman Dudman noted that the Fuchs would be notified once such a meeting was scheduled.

There was no other business.

**X. Treasurer's Warrants**

*A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP2014 in the amount of \$1,062,956.97*

MOTION: Selectman Littlefield moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, approval and signature of Treasurer's Warrant AP2014 in the amount of \$1,062,956.97, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

*B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2012, AP2013, and PR2004 in the amounts of \$5,080.31, \$3,036.93, and \$124,367.32, respectively*

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, approval of signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2012, AP2013, and PR2004 in the amounts of \$5,080.31, \$3,036.93, and \$124,367.32, respectively, as presented. Motion approved 3-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

*C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 03 and 05 in the amounts of \$54,529.19 and \$94,990.22, respectively*

MOTION: Selectman Littlefield moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrant 03 in the amount of \$54,529.19, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

MOTION: Selectman Littlefield moved, with Selectman Dudman seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrant 05 in the amount of \$94,990.22, as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

**XI. Adjournment**

MOTION: Selectman Hart moved, with Selectman Littlefield seconding, adjournment. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy Littlefield, Secretary