

# League of Towns

A Collaborative Unit of Government Serving  
Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Ellsworth, Lamoine, Mount Desert,  
Southwest Harbor, Swans Island, Tremont, Trenton, and  
Acadia National Park  
P.O. Box 248 Northeast Harbor, Maine 04662

## Monthly Meeting Agenda

July 23, 2019

Cranberry Isles

10:00 a.m.

### **Boat Leaves From Southwest Harbor at 9:00 a.m**

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:15am, present: Durlin Lunt, Cornell Knight, David Cole, Stu Marckoon, Fred Ehrlenbach, Christie Anastasia, Christopher Saunders, Jim Fortune, and Justin vanDongen
- II. **Adoption of Agenda.** Moved Marckoon, seconded Ehlrenbach to adopt as presented. Vote: Unanimous.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
June 25, 2019. Moved Ehrlenbach, seconded Marckoon. Vote: Unanimous

### **Regular Meeting**

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Review of the financial statements and possible adoption of a Motion "to accept the financial statements as sent". Treasurer Marckoon announces that all dues have been received. Moved Ehrlenbach, seconded Knight, vote: Unanimous.
- V. **Old Business:**
- VI. **Regular Business:-**
  - a. **County Government (Charter)** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018) Standing invitation to the County Commissioners to attend LOT meetings to discuss the possibility of a Charter Commission and other relevant matters.  
Discussion regarding County budget process. Scheduled to begin in October. Saunders opens discussion regarding Hancock County Planning Commission. Knight and Cole express support for HCPC working with the Eastern Maine Development Corporation. Cole expresses concern about having Hancock County absorb HCPC. Knight moves to recommend HCPC explore setting up a relationship with EMDC, Marckoon seconds. Vote: unanimous.
  - b. **Affordable Housing.** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018). Lunt reports that Mount Desert 365 is starting on two modular units. Those

are expected to begin Fall 2019. Maine Seacoast Mission building has also begun. Lunt reports that they had a summer residents' association meeting at which the idea of increasing Mount Desert's year-round population was discussed. Lunt and Anastasia discuss potential obstacles posed by Zoning Ordinance. In the village of Northeast Harbor, this isn't as much of an issue, but outside of the village, the 2-5 acre lot minimums do pose a problem. Discussion also regarding efforts to create housing for seniors. When seniors vacate larger homes, they open those homes up to families, and seniors often don't need that much space. VanDongen suggests the Island Housing Trust creating that kind of smaller housing for seniors and offer equal exchanges whereby seniors can trade their larger homes for the smaller ones, and then the larger ones get restrictive covenants to keep them affordable.

c. **Municipal Collaboration** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)

Saunders and VanDongen discuss possibility of extending law enforcement coverage from SWH into Tremont.

VanDongen and Lunt discuss shifting overnight dispatch in SWH to Mount Desert.

Motion by Fortune to fund Acadia Disposal District hazardous waste collection costs, up to \$2,600. Seconded by Knight. Vote: Unanimous.

d. **Opiates and other addictive substances** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)

e. **Solarization** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)

Lamoine just put out an RFP to put a solar array on their landfill, to be a community solar farm. Cole reports that Ellsworth is considering doing something similar on their landfill.

**Members Reports** – (Other topics of interest and importance to League members)  
Elected Officials Meeting October 17, 2019

VanDongen will take care of Joey's Place. Lunt also reports that we will invite Marc Gousse to attend this meeting. Lunt reports that a lot of the initiatives in the past few years haven't been something that the League can do a lot with. Lunt suggests changing the format to elicit ideas that the League can do more with. Marckoon suggests discussion of succession planning. Saunders suggests proposing a program with MDIRSS whereby students can have internship-like experiences in the towns. Cole suggests having a representative from EMDC attend. He will do some inquiries.

f. **Future Meetings**

August- No Meeting  
September 24, 2019- Swan's Island

- VII. **Next Agenda:** Suggested discussion items for the next Agenda
- VIII. **Adjournment.** Ehrlenbach moved, Anastasia seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:57am.