

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

Minutes

January 23, 2018
Ellsworth City Hall

1. **Call to Order : The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.** Present: Durlin Lunt, Cornell Knight, Mike Madell (NPS), Fred Ehrlenbach, Carol Walsh, David Cole, Christopher Saunders, Scott Adkin (County) Stu Marckoon (arrived at 11:00 a.m.)

11. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved and seconded to approve as presented. Vote: unanimous

111. Approval of Minutes-

November 28, 2017: Moved and seconded to approve as presented. Vote: unanimous

A. Regular Meeting

IV. Treasurer's Report: Review of the financial statements and possible adoption of a Motion "to accept the financial statements as sent". Moved and Seconded to approve as presented. Vote; unanimous

V. Old Business: (Follow up from 2014-2015 Agenda)

- A. **Efficient Street Lighting:** Bar Harbor has scheduled a presentation by Paul Vessel concerning conversion to LED streetlights. Mr. Vessel is working with over 20 towns on this issue. Ehrlenbach asked if individual towns would own the LED's or it would be something Emera would do. General consensus was it could go either way. The Park is converting bit by bit.

V1 Regular Business:

A. Transportation (Traffic Congestion, Parking Lots, Cruise Ships): Mike Madell said the planned meeting on the subject has been delayed. Durlin asked what would be the most immediate result. Madell said the elements of the plan that do not require big financial outlays would happen first. Things like parking lots would be extended further out. Lunt said Mt. Desert will hope to improve shoulders on Route 198 as a continuation of the ongoing project with DOT. The total project is

about \$2million with Mt. Desert paying half. The Bar Harbor tentative plan for the Ferry terminal is to have a marina and a docking system which would allow tendering for small ships. Currently, if Sorrento and Hancock residents are allowed to join the suite against the Town, it would end up being only one BH resident among the 16. Saunders asked about the cruise ship moratoriums. Lunt said that his town hasn't approved an official moratorium, simply not allowing use of commercial docks in the Town. Southwest Harbor has approved a moratorium. Lunt suggested that Saunders look at List Serve and at the Mt. Desert Harbor Ordinance for suggestions on how to craft a Cruise Ship Ordinance. Ellsworth Council approved \$100K to purchase new traffic software, and are meeting with Mr. Landry to upgrade the lights.

B. Affordable Housing. (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2017) Lamoine was approached for a cluster development, No other information was forthcoming. Ellsworth has a cluster development project in the works. The project behind Reny's is beginning now with the first pod up by October. Cole said Brian Langley has been organizing a group to discuss seasonal housing issues. In Trenton the road and foundations are in for the Gott subdivision. Most of the work has been infrastructure: septic, fire pond, foundations. Scott said that there is a TIFF district in Fletchers Landing, and one option being considered is affordable housing.

C. Municipal Collaboration (standing item from elected official's workshop 2017) Lunt said there will be a meeting to examine possibilities of broadband access in the near future.

D. Opiates and other addictive substances (standing item from 2017 elected officials' meeting: Chief Kane was ill and therefore, no report.

E. Ticks & Tick Borne Illness (Standing item from elected officials' workshop 2017): A panel discussion would be set up in the spring. Lunt asked the where and who involvement. Marckoon suggested a facility where it could be recorded or televised. Marckoon suggested that perhaps Healthy Acadia might be the lead sponsor. Lunt will invite them to the February meeting to set up a game plan.

F. Members Reports – (Other topics of interest and importance to League members). Knight asked how everyone was doing with firefighter participation, Cole said Ellsworth has recruited some good people, but it's hard to keep them. Ehrenbach said the value of the training center is that all Towns have the same training. Trenton has a large contingent of volunteers with a medium age of around 35. Scott Adkins said they are still looking for an RCC Director. They are also looking for at least two additional dispatchers with experience.

G. Future Meetings

February 27, 2018 Trenton Town Office
March 27, 2018- Acadia National Park Office

- H.** Election of Officers for 2018: Moved and seconded to appoint the same slate of officers for the 2018 year. Vote: unanimous

- I.** Approve Meeting Schedule for 2018: Due to a conflict with Lamoine schedule, May 22nd will be in Lamoine and June 26th will be in Southwest Harbor. Moved and seconded to approve the schedule as amended. Vote unanimous

- J.** Discussion of League budget: Moved and seconded to approve the budget as amended and presented for 2018. Vote Unanimous

V11. Next Agenda: Suggested discussion items for the next Agenda: Lunt to invite Healthy Acadia to the February meeting.

V111. Adjournment Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.