

Town of Mount Desert  
Board of Selectmen  
Agenda

**Special Meeting**

**MONDAY, November 22, 2021**

**Location: Remote Access; see page two on how to connect**

**I. Call to order at 5:00 p.m.**

*Public please hold comments until the BOS Chairman opens the agenda items for public comment*

**II. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations**

*A. Consideration of appointment of Cathy Oehmke as School Board member to fill the vacancy of Todd Graham until the municipal election of 2022*

**III. Selectmen's Reports**

**IV. New Business**

*A. Consider waiving the automatic foreclosure process for tax liens under \$300 pursuant to Title 36 as described in memo from Jake Wright, Finance Director*

**V. Other Business**

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

**VI. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2021 in the Meeting Room, Town Hall, Northeast Harbor or via remote access: see pg. 2 for zoom access to the meeting.

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Agenda April 6, 2020

The Town of Mount Desert is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. You can call in through any of the listed phone numbers or connect with a computer via the web link. You **will need to enter the meeting ID** to get access to the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting ID: 248 566 175**

**Password: 919872**

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we suggest connecting 15 minutes  
early so we can troubleshoot if you  
have difficulty.*

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Zoom security now requires a password on all zoom meetings, so the recurring BOS meeting now has a password.

## Town Clerk

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**From:** Durlin Lunt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:30 AM  
**To:** Town Clerk  
**Cc:** jbmacauley3@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FW: Our recommendation

Chairman Macauley would like this on the Monday meeting. Thanks

Durlin E. Lunt  
Town Manager  
Mount Desert, Maine  
[manager@mtdesert.org](mailto:manager@mtdesert.org)

(207) 276-5531

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**From:** John Macauley <jbmacauley3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** Durlin Lunt <manager@mtdesert.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Our recommendation

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Durlin, Could we put this on the agenda for our special meeting Monday? Thanks- John

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Gail Marshall <[gail.marshall@mdirss.org](mailto:gail.marshall@mdirss.org)>  
**Date:** Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 7:48 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Our recommendation  
**To:** John Macauley <jbmacauley3@gmail.com>  
**CC:** Durlin Lunt <[manager@mtdesert.org](mailto:manager@mtdesert.org)>

John  
If you could consider acting on the seating of our new school board member at your special meeting next week, we could have her seated and voting for our December 1st MDES board meeting.  
It won't damage us in any foreseeable way if we wait until your meeting on the 6th, but I'd thought I'd ask since I am anticipating this item would be quickly resolved.  
Thanks,  
Gail

On Nov 15, 2021, at 6:13 PM, John Macauley <[jbmacauley3@gmail.com](mailto:jbmacauley3@gmail.com)> wrote:

Great- Thanks Gail.

On Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 5:57 PM Gail Marshall <[gail.marshall@mdirss.org](mailto:gail.marshall@mdirss.org)> wrote:

John,

The MDES board met Monday afternoon, the 15th, and voted to recommend Cathy Oehmke to fill the seat vacated by Todd Graham between now and the next election.

Here is the Q&A she completed for us.

If it's on the agenda for your action next meeting, I will attend and ask she do also.

Thanks,

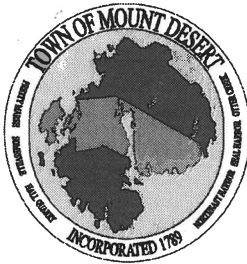
Gail

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## Town of Mount Desert

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### Resident Request for Appointment to Volunteer Board or Committee

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving on one of the Town's volunteer Boards or Committees. Before the Board of Selectmen makes appointments, they would like to know a little about you and why you feel you could contribute to the Board or Committee. Please take a few minutes and complete the brief expression of interest information below and **return to the Town Clerk, PO Box 248/21 Sea St, Northeast Harbor ME 04662.**

Name: Cathy Oehmke Date: 11/16/2021  
Street Address: 15 Blanchard Rd Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: cathyoehmke@gmail.com Cell 9525949816

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Mount Desert? Yes No

Appointment(s) requested: School Board Member

If you have previously served on any Boards or Committees in the Town of Mount Desert, please describe your experience: No

Are there other background experiences or skills that you feel would contribute to this appointment?  
I have a Masters degree and a PhD in education. I have 26 years of experience in teaching. I have served  
on a school board and finance committee before, in Minnesota, as well as library boards.

Why are you interested in this appointment? I want to support our schools and offer  
my voice as someone who understands teaching and learning.

What are your goals for this Board or Committee? I want to support our town and district  
as we move forward through the pandemic and through the superintendent search.

Do you have conflicts with meeting times or group assignments? With meeting times, no.  
I don't yet know about group assignments, but I will be as flexible as I can be.



## ***Town of Mount Desert***

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Board of Selectmen,

The automatic foreclosure process pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 943 for the 2020 taxes is underway and set to foreclose on 2020 tax liens on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Automatic foreclosure can be waived by a vote of the municipality's legislative body pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 944. It is my understanding and the opinion of our legal counsel that this authority was assigned to the Board of Selectmen at the 2021 Town meeting (see Article 21). Pursuant to the authority vested in you, I would like to request that the Board authorize redemption for tax liens of under \$300. This authorization would give the treasurer authority to record a waiver of foreclosure in the registry pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 944. If a waiver is recorded, the tax lien mortgage remains in force but does not automatically foreclose. Instead, court action is needed to foreclose at a later time, if desired at all (see 36 M.R.S.A Section 945). The purpose of authorizing this redemption process for small lien amounts is to prevent the Town from acquiring property that may be burdensome.

Two 2020 tax liens would be subject to this redemption authorization. The total amount owed for both tax liens combined (as of the automatic foreclosure date of 12/2/21) is \$297.66.

I'd request that, if authority as described above or amended during the meeting is given by the Board of Selectmen to the Treasurer, this authority be ongoing as long as Town meeting continues to vest original redemption authority within the Board of Selectmen. Changes to this authority would then be proposed to the Board as needed.

Thank you,

Jake Wright

Finance Director