

**Town of Mount Desert
SelectBoard Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting**

This Meeting was held via remote access.

SelectBoard Members Present:

Chair John Macauley, Geoff Wood, Wendy Littlefield, Matt Hart, Martha Dudman

Public Officials Present:

Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Harbormaster John Lemoine, Tax Assessor Kyle Avila, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Fire Chief Mike Bender, Ambulance Service Director Basil Mahaney

Members of the public were also in attendance.

I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Macauley called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

II. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters, to discuss succession planning

B. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(C) for acquisition of real property or economic development and matters where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, entering into Executive Session.

VOTE:

Matt Hart: Aye

Martha Dudman: Aye

Wendy Littlefield: Aye

Geoff Wood: Aye

Chair John Macauley: Aye

Motion approved 5-0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 4:05PM.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to exit the Executive Session at 4:40PM.

VOTE:

Matt Hart: Aye

Martha Dudman: Aye

Wendy Littlefield: Aye

Geoff Wood: Aye

Chair John Macauley: Aye

Motion approved 5-0.

III. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2020 meeting

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1 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of the October 5,
2 2020 Minutes as presented.

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4 VOTE:

5 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

6 Martha Dudman: Aye

7 Geoff Wood: Aye

8 Matt Hart: Aye

9 Chair John Macauley: Aye

10 Motion approved 5-0.

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12 **IV. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations**

13 A. *Increase the term for Eilon Zboray as dockhand at the rate of \$16.00 per hour until a new*
14 *Deputy Harbormaster can be hired.*

15 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding approval of increasing the term
16 for Eilon Zboray as dockhand at the rate of \$16.00 per hour until a new Deputy Harbormaster
17 can be hired, as presented.

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19 Town Manager Durlin Lunt reported there were a number of resumes received for the Deputy
20 Harbormaster position.

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22 Harbormaster John Lemoine reported the job posting just closed to in-house posting, and
23 interviews were anticipated to occur next week.

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25 VOTE:

26 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

27 Matt Hart: Aye

28 Martha Dudman: Aye

29 Geoff Wood: Aye

30 Chair John Macauley: Aye

31 Motion approved 5-0.

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33 B. *Consider recommendation that Gabe Lunt be assigned to the vacant Waste Management*
34 *Division position as an MEO I/Refuse employee at his current rate of pay of \$21.79 per hour*

35 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of the recommendation
36 that Gabe Lunt be assigned to the vacant Waste Management Division position as an MEO
37 I/Refuse employee at his current rate of pay of \$21.79 per hour, as presented and with thanks
38 to Mr. Lunt for being flexible with regard to the change.

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40 VOTE:

41 Matt Hart: Aye

42 Martha Dudman: Aye

43 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

44 Geoff Wood: Aye

45 Chair John Macauley: Aye

46 Motion approved 5-0.

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48 **V. Consent Agenda** *(These items are considered routine, and therefore, may be passed by the*
49 *Selectmen in one blanket motion. Board members may remove any item for discussion by*
50 *requesting such action prior to consideration of that portion of the agenda.)*

1 A. Thank you letters from Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock
2 County, Island Connections, and Mount Desert Island Historical Society

3 B. Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes of September 15 and 30, 2020

4 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of the Consent Agenda as
5 presented.

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7 VOTE:

8 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

9 Matt Hart: Aye

10 Geoff Wood: Aye

11 Martha Dudman: Aye

12 Chair John Macauley: Aye

13 Motion approved 5-0.

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15 **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

16 Mr. Wood reported being contacted by a Hall Quarry resident shortly after the fatal crash that
17 recently occurred in Town Hill. They wondered if improvements could be made regarding
18 marking the left turn entering into Hall Quarry, as one heads South on Route 102. Traffic moves
19 fast both ways in that section. The resident mentioned perhaps a left turn lane being installed.

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21 It was clarified the request was in reference to the north entrance into Hall Quarry.

22
23 Director Smith agreed to contact the DOT the following day to put in a request to see what can be
24 done. If the DOT is unable to make changes, but will allow the Town to do so, Director Smith
25 will bring the matter back to the Board.

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27 **VII. Unfinished Business**

28 A. *Presentation and discussion of the Conceptual Plans for the Proposed Northeast Harbor*
29 *Fire/EMS Station*

30 Fire Chief Mike Bender informed the Board that Hedefine and Elfis representatives were in
31 attendance.

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33 Chief Bender summarized that in February of 2020 he presented options for expansion of the
34 existing municipal building in order to provide living area for 24/7 staffing for fire fighters
35 and EMTs. It was determined that the proposed expansion would not be effective long-term.
36 Additionally, key components were left out of the plans due to a lack of space.

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38 Chief Bender then presented the idea of building a new fire station, using space adjacent to
39 the municipal building. The Board requested site plans and drawings which have now been
40 presented to the Board for their review. The design was created with the intent that the
41 building will last the Town through the next 30 to 50 years of growth and change for both the
42 Fire Department and EMS services. Should consolidation of Mount Desert Island Fire
43 Departments occur the building proposed would be a viable part of those plans. The building
44 presented will provide for both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Service regardless of
45 whether consolidation occurs. Sleeping rooms and living quarters area and additional offices
46 are included in the plan.

47
48 The estimated price is slightly over \$7.5 million. Other suitable locations were looked for in
49 and around Northeast Harbor. Should land be required for the building, Chief Bender
50 estimated another \$700k to \$900k would be required to purchase land. The site chosen is the
51 small park next to the municipal building. Every effort would be made to preserve as much

1 green area as possible. The location would be ideal because it would be near the municipal
2 building and public safety dispatch.

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4 Chief Bender felt the Town needed to move on this project. The building would take three or
5 more years to complete. Chief Bender anticipates that within three to five years Fire
6 Department staffing and probably EMS staffing will reach a critical situation.

7
8 Mr. Hart pointed out that the price was substantial. It will make for an interesting Town
9 Meeting. Mr. Hart felt that the Town wants to be able to provide the Fire Department and the
10 Ambulance Service with what they need. Their work is invaluable and difficult. His concern
11 is that there are moving parts to the issue. There is the staffing aspect and the building
12 aspect. If things don't go smoothly with one aspect, how will it affect the other? He
13 wondered if thought had been given to a contingency plan in case the issue gets held up –
14 either by being denied or delayed.

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16 Chief Bender reported there was no contingency plan. The process started by looking at
17 expanding the existing building, which was deemed unfeasible. A new building would
18 provide quarters for firefighters and accommodate the town for the next 30 to 50 years.
19 Perhaps something could be pieced together if necessary. No contingency options will be
20 optimal. The Ambulance Service was housed in the Seal Harbor Fire Station during the
21 summer months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and logistically it did not work well. There is
22 no extra space at the Northeast Harbor Fire Department with the exception of perhaps
23 commandeering the meeting room for long-term use. He did not feel there was anything else
24 in Northeast Harbor that could be used for quarters.

25
26 Chief Bender pointed out that the Seal Harbor Fire Station was donated to the Town
27 approximately 30 years ago. The Somesville Fire Station was also donated to the Town. He
28 believed the Northeast Harbor Municipal Building housing the Fire Station and Public Safety
29 was donated to the Town. The Town has not had to invest in a public safety building in
30 nearly 50 years.

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32 Chair Macauley agreed that something was needed.

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34 Mr. Wood suggested that if and when it came to presenting the project at Town Meeting for
35 approval, Chief Bender should include these points in his presentation to provide some
36 context for the residents. Mr. Wood felt it would be important for the Town to hear those
37 points. Chief Bender agreed. It's also important to point out that the Town has relied on
38 volunteers for both EMS and fire service for many years. The time when the Town could
39 depend on volunteers is coming to an end.

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41 Chair Macauley pointed out that valuation is over \$2 billion in Town. The Town has a duty
42 to pay for fire safety for the taxpayers. Mount Desert has depended for years on volunteers
43 and the good will of neighboring town's safety departments.

44
45 Resident Stephanie Kelley-Reece noted that in light of the accident that occurred last week,
46 talk of safety has grown in the community. She learned that Bar Harbor reached the accident
47 before the Town of Mount Desert because Mount Desert did not have EMS staff available.
48 She felt people were beginning to realize something must be done. While other Towns may
49 assist Mount Desert, they would likely have a priority to their own Town. How long is an
50 acceptable length of time to wait for drivers and EMTs to answer a call? She agreed with

1 Chief Bender that now was the time to begin, particularly if the building is a three-year
2 project.

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4 Public Works Director Smith agreed a new building was needed. Director Smith felt the
5 building design included what was necessary, with a bit more for growth. It was his feeling
6 the building would play a roll in any potential island-wide consolidated Fire Department.
7 Chief Bender agreed. Extra parking and lodging were designed in for future additional
8 firefighters and vehicles, should more personnel become required.

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10 Chair Macauley agreed the Town needed to provide a professional working environment for
11 professional firefighters.

12
13 Ambulance Service Director Basil Mahaney echoed Chief Bender's statement that the EMS
14 volunteers are in the same situation as the volunteer firefighters. The Ambulance Service has
15 started having two people on call 24/7 when possible, however there is not room for two
16 people to stay the station. This necessitates having someone on duty from their home.
17 Having an on-call volunteer offsite means someone must arrive at the station before a call can
18 be answered. The space has been outgrown. Staff are trying to make it work but the issue
19 will need to be addressed, and probably soon, for both the Fire Department and the
20 Ambulance Service.

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22 Director Mahaney added that Ambulance Services on the island work together closely
23 through mutual aid agreements. Other communities with staff in-house frequently arrive on
24 the scene sooner than Town of Mount Desert volunteers.

25
26 Ms. Dudman stated the building design was attractive and seems to have everything the Town
27 would need. She understands the location choice. However, she is still not convinced
28 another large building should be located in the marina. Ms. Dudman would be in favor of
29 another location if possible. The biggest issue is the cost. In light of the precarious times,
30 Ms. Dudman felt it was the responsibility of the SelectBoard to hold the Town's spending in
31 check. She worried about taking on a new large construction project, when the last project
32 has not yet been finished. It's a lot to ask of the taxpayers. If the problem lies with finding
33 housing for paid employees and volunteers, perhaps The Town could look at purchasing a
34 house in Town where staff could be closer. Ms. Dudman knew of two houses for sale in the
35 vicinity of the Town Office that might suffice.

36
37 Ms. Dudman reiterated that she understood the impetus for the proposal. She wants the Town
38 to have a strong Fire Department and emergency response team. This cost at this time, and
39 the placement of the building are her concerns.

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41 Chief Bender felt that while a house separate from the fire station sounds like a good idea, the
42 goal is to have personnel on site to respond the moment they are needed. He understood the
43 concern regarding the expense. Expanding the municipal building, which was deemed not a
44 viable option, was priced at \$2 million.

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46 Chief Bender stated that if the Town does not want to invest this amount in public safety,
47 perhaps temporary housing could be installed in the Cranberry Parking lot. He felt a trailer
48 installed there would be preferable to housing a distance away. He pointed out that the Town
49 had invested in improving the marina and is currently making improvements to Main Street
50 in an effort to attract new businesses. It would behoove the Town to assure those they are
51 trying to attract that the Town is doing all it can to ensure public safety and protect the

1 Town's assets. He questioned whether Public Safety was the appropriate place to draw the
2 line on spending.

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4 Director Smith suggested tabling the issue to allow for time to think about it, and in the
5 meantime, Chief Bender could explore some of the suggestions made, and a review of where
6 the Town's debt stands with regard to various projects.

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8 Mr. Wood noted that Chief Bender makes a good point about drawing the line at public
9 safety. He cautioned that there are residents in other Mount Desert villages who will see such
10 a project as another example of investment made in Northeast Harbor. It may be a concern to
11 residents who feel other villages are not being invested in. At the last meeting the difficulty
12 in getting volunteer firefighters was discussed. Mr. Wood pointed out that volunteers receive
13 \$14.80 per hour with a minimum two hours pay. The Town just approved a temporary
14 employee for the marina at \$16.00 per hour. While a pay raise might not be the definitive
15 answer to finding more volunteers, it might be worthwhile to study the pay structure with an
16 eye to reconfiguring the system.

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18 Chief Bender agreed the fee structure can certainly be reviewed. He felt the problem was
19 more than just money. Currently there are so few volunteers that response is difficult. The
20 community is changing. Residents are no longer people willing or able to put the time in for
21 the training required to become a firefighter or an EMT.

22
23 Ms. Littlefield noted that the last thing she wants is to cut public safety to the Town. To
24 commit to \$7.5 million for a building in such an uncertain climate seems risky. If the Town
25 is unable to attract volunteers now, will a new building attract volunteers? She'd feel better
26 about a smaller financial commitment for the span of a couple years to see whether the Town
27 is successful in attracting more volunteers. Perhaps more information would help in
28 justifying committing to such an expenditure. She worried committing to such a cost would
29 be a disservice to the taxpayers without more information to support the decision.

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31 Director Smith noted that firefighters often work a two 24-hour shift, living at the station
32 during their shift. Working that way, a firefighter does not necessarily have to be close to the
33 station to do the job. Director Smith felt that most volunteers were not volunteering for the
34 money. Chief Bender agreed.

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36 Ms. Littlefield asked if Chief Bender was envisioning attracting already-trained professionals
37 from out of Town, as opposed to finding local people interested in learning the trade. Chief
38 Bender concurred that this was what he was envisioning. Career firefighters must be trained
39 and certified prior to hiring, whether hiring from on-call staff or from outside the Town.
40 Shifts vary between areas and municipalities. The most common work shift is a 24-hour
41 shift, then taking 48 hours off. At the beginning of the pandemic, the firefighters were
42 working this type of schedule. Those working the shifts seemed to be happy with the
43 scheduling. There are other scheduling variations. Chief Bender agreed that many
44 professional firefighters do live outside of the community. Union rules dictate that they must
45 live within a certain response time.

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47 Mr. Wood asked whether there were rules regarding working for multiple fire departments.
48 He wondered if the scenario of a firefighter working a lengthy shift could theoretically go
49 immediately to another lengthy shift elsewhere. Chief Bender noted there were some unions
50 that prohibit members from working multiple departments.

1 Ambulance Service Director Mahaney noted that it is an unfortunate reality that safety
2 personnel do need to work other jobs. The pay is not such that they can live on the salary
3 without additional income. Ambulance personnel all work other full-time jobs. He reminded
4 the Board that the Town is in competition with other municipalities in the area, and many of
5 those have additional advantages like better pay, or better schedules. Additionally, there is
6 not a large, local group of people to draw on. The Town will have to reach out to pull people
7 in. Mount Desert will have to be sold as an attractive location to work for prospective
8 personnel, either through pay or a good workspace.
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10 Mr. Hart wanted to make clear that he supported the shift to career firefighters. He believed
11 it was necessary for the community. It means a facility with living accommodations is also
12 necessary. Unfortunately, the Board is tasked with oversight of expenses. The project will
13 hinge on Town Meeting. Mr. Hart wondered how the potential for career firefighters will be
14 affected should a new fire station stall at Town Meeting. He anticipated the types of
15 questions being asked at Town Meeting, and felt the Town needed answers to those questions
16 ready. A contingency plan should also be considered.
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18 Chair Macauley summarized that the Board was in agreement that something was needed,
19 and that the solution provided was expensive. Some voiced displeasure at the proposed
20 building site. Chair Macauley was in favor of continuing the conversation. He felt a facility
21 that would not be defunct in 20 years was needed. The questions at hand were whether the
22 Town would decide not to proceed because of cost? Could it be done more cheaply? Can it
23 be put elsewhere?
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25 Chief Bender appreciated the input. He agreed there were a lot of questions to consider. He
26 looked for direction. Is the Board interested in looking for another piece of property in
27 Town? Purchasing property will increase the cost.
28

29 Chair Macauley felt a review of the Town's assets might be worth checking for available
30 property. Town Manager Lunt felt the only buildable land of consequence was on Route 198,
31 and it is reserved for conservation and workforce housing. There was no other appropriate
32 land currently owned by the Town.
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34 Chief Bender noted other questions regarding contingency plans. He asked if the Board was
35 willing to spend approximately \$2 million to expand the existing building to house staff for
36 three to five years, and then abandon that for another site. At that point a new station would
37 likely cost more than the current estimate.
38

39 Director Smith suggested taking the time to research the many ideas and questions raised at
40 this meeting for a future discussion. Chair Macauley agreed further discussion was required.
41 Director Smith pointed out that now, with a cost estimate on a new building in hand to use as
42 context, perhaps the possibility of expanding the current building was worth revisiting.
43

44 Mr. Hart felt that Chief Bender was asking for permission to ask Hedefine to price out
45 engineering costs for the building. It would end up before Town Meeting in May.
46

47 Ms. Dudman hoped that Chief Bender understood that the Board was in full support of the
48 Fire Department. She has concerns regarding location and money, and if there are any
49 alternatives, she'd like to hear about them. She agreed the Town needs to think carefully
50 about how to proceed. Taking the time to talk about various options before moving forward
51 was wise.

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2 Chief Bender felt it was a good conversation and agreed that perhaps revisiting it at a future
3 meeting with more information in hand would be a good idea. He hoped the Board would
4 keep the timeline in focus. Pushing the project out too many years could result in call
5 responses diminishing.

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7 Ms. Littlefield felt she was not ready to approve pursuit of the building as put forth. She
8 wanted more time to review the plans and think about the situation.

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10 Chief Bender noted he would review the expansion plans previously created as well.

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12 *B. Consideration of Fire Chief's request for authorization to solicit an estimate from Hedefine*
13 *Engineering & Design for professional technical services for survey, design and bidding*
14 *services related to the proposed new fire/EMS station presented in Agenda Item A*

15 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, to table Item VII.B, Consideration of
16 Fire Chief's request for authorization to solicit an estimate from Hedefine Engineering &
17 Design for professional technical services for survey, design and bidding services related to
18 the proposed new fire/EMS station presented in Agenda Item A.

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20 VOTE:

21 Matt Hart: Aye

22 Geoff Wood: Aye

23 Martha Dudman: Aye

24 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

25 Chair John Macauley: Aye

26 Motion approved 5-0.

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28 *C. Consideration of award of construction related services for the construction of the Dodge*
29 *Point Road Bait House Renovations as follows and as described in Section J, including*
30 *account numbers, of the attached October 16, 2020 memo to Town Manager Durlin Lunt*
31 *from Public Works Director Tony Smith titled "Recommendation for Award of Construction*
32 *Related Contracts" and related Table A to 1) HE Callahan Construction for the amount of*
33 *\$235,532 for construction of the renovations 2) to Hedefine Engineering for the amount of*
34 *\$11,000 for Construction Contract Administration and Inspection services related to the*
35 *renovations and 3) a contingency amount of \$10,972 for a total approved project cost,*
36 *including contingency funds, of \$254,504*

37 Chair Macauley inquired whether the pricing requested was in line with what was approved
38 at Town Meeting.

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40 Director Smith noted the balance of the amount approved over the span of the last two Town
41 Meetings was \$225,747.00. Funding would be supplemented by the Bait House Reserve with
42 approximately \$8,438.00. The Buildings and Grounds Reserve has \$20,019.00. The amount
43 available totals \$254,504.00. Director Smith recommends approval. The work proposed is
44 only to meet code and nothing more.

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46 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, authorizing award of
47 construction related services for the construction of the Dodge Point Road Bait House
48 Renovations as follows and as described in Section J, including account numbers, of the
49 attached October 16, 2020 memo to Town Manager Durlin Lunt from Public Works Director
50 Tony Smith titled "Recommendation for Award of Construction Related Contracts" and
51 related Table A to 1) HE Callahan Construction for the amount of \$235,532 for construction

1 of the renovations 2) to Hedefine Engineering for the amount of \$11,000 for Construction
2 Contract Administration and Inspection services related to the renovations and 3) a
3 contingency amount of \$10,972 for a total approved project cost, including contingency
4 funds, of \$254,504, as presented.

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6 VOTE:

7 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

8 Martha Dudman: Aye

9 Geoff Wood: Aye

10 Matt Hart: Aye

11 Chair John Macauley: Aye

12 Motion approved 5-0.

13
14 *D. Request to make change in business hours permanent*

15 Town Manager Lunt noted the business office hours were changed in June, when the Town
16 Offices reopened to the public. The office hours open to the public at that time were changed
17 to 9:00AM to 4:30PM. At that time Manager Lunt agreed to evaluate the hours and make a
18 recommendation in the fall as to whether the hours should become permanent. The extra half
19 hour in the morning during which the office is closed to the public has been beneficial for use
20 as training or prep work and has enhanced the efficiency of the staff. There have been no
21 complaints from the public.

22
23 Mr. Hart noted the 8:30AM to 9:00AM time was noted in Manager Lunt's memo as not being
24 heavily used by the public. He wondered if it would be possible to maintain the time as an
25 appointment-only time for the public to use in case another time of the day was impossible
26 for them. Manager Lunt noted the public always has that option. No one has requested such
27 a use since the hours change occurred. He would caution advertising the possibility, as he
28 felt the time slot would soon grow back into being open to the public. Manager Lunt would
29 not recommend adding such a stipulation.

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31 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to make the current business
32 hours of the Town office of 9:00AM to 4:30PM permanent, with the 8:30AM to 9:00AM
33 timeslot remaining closed to the public for use as Administrative Time.

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35 VOTE:

36 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

37 Martha Dudman: Aye

38 Geoff Wood: Aye

39 Matt Hart: Aye

40 Chair John Macauley: Aye

41 Motion approved 5-0.

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43 **VIII. New Business**

44 *A. Requesting authorization for release and expenditure of \$7,563.00 to MCM Electric from the*
45 *Northeast Harbor CIP line Acct. # 64010100-24680 that has a balance of \$126,401.65*

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47 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, authorization for release and
48 expenditure of \$7,563.00 to MCM Electric from the Northeast Harbor CIP line Acct. #
49 64010100-24680 that has a balance of \$126,401.65, as presented.

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51 VOTE:

1 Martha Dudman: Aye
2 Matt Hart: Aye
3 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
4 Geoff Wood: Aye
5 Chair John Macauley: Aye
6 Motion approved 5-0.

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8 *B. Consideration of Fire Chief's request for authorization to solicit competitive bids in*
9 *accordance with Town purchasing policy for a new heating and hot water system at Mount*
10 *Desert fire station #2 (Seal Harbor)*

11 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of Fire Chief's request
12 for authorization to solicit competitive bids in accordance with Town purchasing policy for a
13 new heating and hot water system at Mount Desert fire station #2 (Seal Harbor), as presented.

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15 Fire Chief Bender noted the system was over 30 years old. The boilers failed earlier in the
16 year and the boiler technicians repairing the system reported to Chief Bender that the boilers
17 would not last another year, and it was time to replace them.

18
19 Mr. Wood asked if there would be a review of the potential new system, with an eye to
20 energy efficiency and a smaller carbon emission. Chief Bender agreed it could be looked
21 into. He would likely require engineering advice, and such an alternative would be more
22 costly.

23
24 Director Smith felt heat pumps were best used as a supplement to another heating system.

25
26 Mr. Hart noted the heating system was recently replaced at the Neighborhood House. He
27 learned that propane and heat pump systems are not ideal for a large open space. However,
28 upgrading to a current version of a 30-year-old system will usually result in better energy
29 efficiency and cleaner operation.

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31 Chief Bender agreed to look into different alternatives to the system.

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33 AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Littlefield amended her Motion to read: Ms. Littlefield moved,
34 with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of Fire Chief's request for authorization to solicit
35 competitive bids in accordance with Town purchasing policy for a new heating and hot water
36 system at Mount Desert fire station #2 (Seal Harbor), as presented, and to direct Chief Bender
37 to look into different, more energy efficient alternatives to the system.

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39 VOTE:

40 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
41 Matt Hart: Aye
42 Martha Dudman: Aye
43 Geoff Wood: Aye
44 Chair John Macauley: Aye
45 Motion approved 5-0.

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47 *C. Consider granting a Utility Location Permit to Meredith Randolph, agent for Sea Watch LLC*
48 *– Phoebe Whipple, for underground water and sewer installation associated with the home at*
49 *2 South Shore Road, location as shown on Town tax maps as Map 22 Lot 003*

50 Director Smith recommended approval.
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1 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding approval of granting a Utility
2 Location Permit to Meredith Randolph, agent for Sea Watch LLC – Phoebe Whipple, for
3 underground water and sewer installation associated with the home at 2 South Shore Road,
4 location as shown on Town tax maps as Map 22 Lot 003, as presented.

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6 VOTE:
7 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
8 Martha Dudman: Aye
9 Matt Hart: Aye
10 Geoff Wood: Aye
11 Chair John Macauley: Aye
12 Motion approved 5-0.

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14 **IX. Other Business**

15 A. *Such other business as may be legally conducted*
16 Director Smith stated his Bait House request should have included that it is contingent upon
17 the permit being approved by the Planning Board.

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19 **X. Treasurer's Warrants**

20 A. *Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP2121 in the amount of \$5,228,141.93*

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22 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, Approval and Signature of
23 Treasurer's Warrant AP2121 in the amount of \$5,228,141.93, as presented.

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25 VOTE:
26 Martha Dudman: Aye
27 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
28 Geoff Wood: Aye
29 Matt Hart: Aye
30 Chair John Macauley: Aye
31 Motion approved 5-0.

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33 B. *Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2119, AP2120,*
34 *PR2108, and PR2109 in the amounts of \$2,589.00, \$3,027.50, \$107,763.20, and \$(65.02),*
35 *respectively*

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37 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, signature of Treasurer's Payroll,
38 State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2119, AP2120, PR2108, and PR2109 in the amounts of
39 \$2,589.00, \$3,027.50, \$107,763.20, and \$(65.02), respectively, as presented.

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41 VOTE:
42 Martha Dudman: Aye
43 Geoff Wood: Aye
44 Wendy Littlefield: Abstains
45 Matt Hart: Aye
46 Chair John Macauley: Aye
47 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

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49 C. *Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 04 and 08 in the amounts of*
50 *\$364,614.89 and \$88,629.65, respectively*

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1 MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's School
2 Board AP/Payroll Warrants 04 and 08 in the amounts of \$364,614.89 and \$88,629.65,
3 respectively, as presented.

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5 VOTE:
6 Geoff Wood: Aye
7 Matt Hart: Aye
8 Martha Dudman: Aye
9 Wendy Littlefield: Abstains
10 Chair John Macauley: Aye
11 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

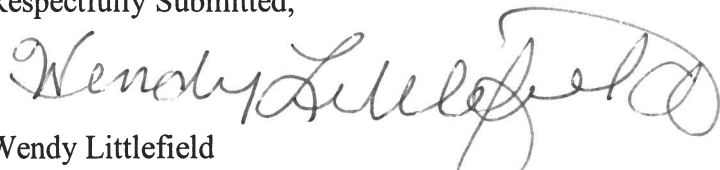
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13 **XI. Adjournment**

14 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, Adjournment.

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16 VOTE:
17 Martha Dudman: Aye
18 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
19 Geoff Wood: Aye
20 Matt Hart: Aye
21 Chair John Macauley: Aye
22 Motion approved 5-0.

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24 The meeting adjourned.

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26 Respectfully Submitted,

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30 Wendy Littlefield