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Town of Mount Desert
SelectBoard Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting

This Meeting was held via remote access.

SelectBoard Members Present:

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

Public Officials Present:

Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Assessor Kyle Avila

Members of the public were also in attendance.

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

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

II. Executive Session

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

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, entering into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 MRSA§405(6)(A) Personnel Matters, to discuss succession planning.

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.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to exit the Executive Session at 4:35PM.

VOTE:

Matt Hart: Aye

Martha Dudman: Aye

Wendy Littlefield: Aye

Geoff Wood: Aye

Chair John Macauley: Aye

Motion approved 5-0.

III. Minutes

None presented.

1 **IV. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations**

2 A. *Appointment of Election Clerks under Title 21-A, MRSA, Section 503 for the Town of*
3 *Mount Desert: Michael and Eleanor Pancoe, Carole Plenty, Karen Steverson, and*
4 *Charles Wray*

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6 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding approval of appointment
7 of Election Clerks under Title 21-A, MRSA, Section 503 for the Town of Mount Desert:
8 Michael and Eleanor Pancoe, Carole Plenty, Karen Steverson, and Charles Wray, as
9 presented.

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11 VOTE:

12 Matt Hart: Aye
13 Martha Dudman: Aye
14 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
15 Geoff Wood: Aye
16 Chair John Macauley: Aye
17 Motion approved 5-0.

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19 B. *Consider resident request for appointment of Peter Cuffari to the Broadband*
20 *Committee*

21 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of resident
22 request for appointment of Peter Cuffari to the Broadband Committee, as presented.

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24 VOTE:

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

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32 C. *Consider resident request for appointment Scott McFarland to the Broadband*
33 *Committee*

34 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of resident request
35 for appointment of Scott McFarland to the Broadband Committee, as presented.

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37 VOTE:

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

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

47 A. *Thank you letters from American Red Cross, Downeast Horizons, Health Equity Alliance,*
48 *LifeFlight Foundation, Neighborhood House*

49 B. *Preliminary 2021 State Valuation*

1 C. *Blog post from The Quietside Journal regarding voting in Mount Desert*

2 D. *League of Towns Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020*

3 E. *Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020*

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

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7 Ms. Dudman inquired about the Elected Officials League of Towns meeting. Town
8 Manager Lunt reported that the plan is to share with the Board the list of topics discussed
9 at League of Towns and request Board Members to list those deemed most important.
10 The top five will be submitted to the League of Towns.

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12 Mr. Hart inquired about the State Valuation. Assessor Kyle Avila reported it was
13 relatively static this year. The Assessed Value Ratio changed very little. The percentage
14 Mount Desert represents as far as the County total means Mount Desert is paying for the
15 majority of the County Budget. The real estate market is busy, and that may change next
16 year's figures.

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18 VOTE:

19 Matt Hart: Aye

20 Martha Dudman: Aye

21 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

22 Geoff Wood: Aye

23 Chair John Macauley: Aye

24 Motion approved 5-0.

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26 **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

27 Ms. Littlefield lauded the efforts of Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk and the Town Office
28 Administrative Staff for their hard work during the election season.

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30 Manager Lunt reported the office processed approximately 1200 absentee ballots.

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32 **VII. Unfinished Business**

33 None presented.

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35 **VIII. New Business**

36 A. *Request authorization for the Harbormaster to sign and execute the contract with*
37 *GEI for the release and expenditure of \$18,250.00 from Munis Acct. # 6300062-*
38 *57712 for pier inspection*

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40 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, approval of
41 authorization for the Harbormaster to sign and execute the contract with GEI for the
42 release and expenditure of \$18,250.00 from Munis Acct. # 6300062-57712 for pier
43 inspection, as presented.

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45 VOTE:

46 Martha Dudman: Aye

47 Wendy Littlefield: Aye

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1 Geoff Wood: Aye
2 Matt Hart: Aye
3 Chair John Macauley: Aye
4 Motion approved 5-0.
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6 **IX. Other Business**

7 *A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*
8 There was no other business.
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10 **X. Treasurer's Warrants**

11 *A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant AP2124 in the amount of \$427,823.76*
12 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, Approval and Signature of
13 Treasurer's Warrant AP2124 in the amount of \$427,823.76, as presented.
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15 VOTE:

16 Martha Dudman: Aye
17 Matt Hart: Aye
18 Wendy Littlefield: Aye
19 Geoff Wood: Aye
20 Chair John Macauley: Aye
21 Motion approved 5-0.
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23 *B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2122,*
24 *AP2123, and PR2110 in the amounts of \$2,090.00, \$2,316.08, and \$111,731.48,*
25 *respectively*
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27 MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of signed
28 Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants AP2122, AP2123, and PR2110 in
29 the amounts of \$2,090.00, \$2,316.08, and \$111,731.48, respectively, as presented.
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31 VOTE:

32 Geoff Wood: Aye
33 Martha Dudman: Aye
34 Wendy Littlefield: Abstains
35 Matt Hart: Aye
36 Chair John Macauley: Aye
37 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention)
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39 *C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 09 in the amount of*
40 *\$168,592.50*
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42 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's
43 School Board AP/Payroll Warrants 09 in the amount of \$168,592.50, as presented.
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45 VOTE:

46 Matt Hart: Aye

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- 1 Geoff Wood: Aye
- 2 Martha Dudman: Aye
- 3 Wendy Littlefield: Abstains
- 4 Chair John Macauley: Aye
- 5 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention)

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7 **XI. Adjournment**

8 Manager Lunt clarified for the record that the next Meeting would be via Zoom, and not
9 in the Meeting Room.

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11 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, Adjournment.

12 Motion approved 5-0.

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14 The meeting adjourned.

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17 Respectfully Submitted,

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21 Wendy Littlefield