

**Town of Mount Desert
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2022**

Selectboard Members Present: Chair John Macauley, Martha Dudman, Matt Hart,
Wendy Littlefield, Geoff Wood

Town Officials Present: Tax Assessor Kyle Avila, Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Town
Clerk Claire Woolfolk, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Finance Director Jake Wright

Members of the public were also in attendance.

I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair John Macauley called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. Public Hearing(s)

*A. Northeast Lobster Co. LLC d/b/a The Nor' Easter 10 Huntington Rd, Northeast
Harbor request for Special Amusement Permit*

Chair Macauley opened the Public Hearing.

Kathy Miller voiced her support of the permit.

Mr. Hart noted that in years past neighbors have been on hand to complain about noise.
That has not happened this year.

There was no further comment.

Chair Macauley closed the Public Hearing.

III. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from February 22, 2022 meeting

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to approve the February 22,
2022 Minutes as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

None presented.

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

A. Department Reports: Highway Department, Public Works

B. Island Connections letter to the community; February 23, 2022

*C. Notice for March 2022 of municipal solid waste bypassing Coastal Resources of
Maine to PERC*

D. Update on Hampden Facility and EPR Survey

1 E. *MRC Fundamental Notice and virtual town hall meeting related to sale of the Coastal*
2 *Resources of Maine facility in Hampden*

3 F. *Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2022*

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

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7 Public Works Director Smith noted the Hampden Facility and EPR survey consisted of
8 approximately 60 questions about the Town's solid waste and recycling. The information
9 will be made available to the public once the results are compiled.

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11 Motion approved 5-0.

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13 **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

14 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to take Item VIII.A out of
15 order.

16 Motion approved 5-0.

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18 **VII. Unfinished Business**

19 A. *Sustainability Committee Summary and Recommendation regarding the Climate*
20 *Action Plan; February 17, 2022*

21 Sustainability Committee Chair Phil Lichtenstein recommended acceptance of the Action
22 Plan as written. He noted it will be a living document that can change as the Town's
23 needs and goals change. He felt there should be a small group created to keep
24 momentum going, and the Town would likely need an in-house sustainability
25 coordinator.

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27 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, acceptance of the Sustainability
28 Committee Summary and Recommendation regarding the Climate Action Plan as
29 presented.

30 Motion approved 5-0

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32 B. *Adopt Community Resilience Partnership Resolutions*

33 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, adoption of the Community
34 Resilience Partnership Resolutions, as presented.

35 Motion approved 5-0.

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37 It was noted there will be a regional coordinator for Hancock, Washington, and Waldo
38 Counties.

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40 C. *Review and Final Votes on Warrant Articles for May 2 and 3, 2022 Annual Town*
41 *Meeting*

42 **Article 19. Shall the Town of Mount Desert be authorized to issue a general**
43 **obligation bond or note of the Town in a principal amount not to exceed \$344,000.00**
44 **to build a secure fiber network from the Mount Desert Fire Station in Somesville, to**
45 **the meet point with the Town of Bar Harbor at the intersection of the Eagle Lake**
46 **Road and Route 3, extending into Northeast Harbor to terminate at the Town of**

1 **Mount Desert Municipal Office located at 21 Sea Street (the “Project”), and further**
2 **to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all things necessary or convenient to**
3 **issue the bond or note of the Town, which may be callable, and to accomplish the**
4 **Project?**

5 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, the Board recommend
6 for passage Article 19 as presented.
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8 It was noted that this will allow for the removal of all non-cloud network.
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10 Motion approved 5-0.
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12 **Article 20. Shall the Town of Mount Desert be authorized to issue general obligation**
13 **bonds or notes of the Town in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,238,427.00 to**
14 **fund improvements to the Northeast Harbor Fire Station, including but not limited**
15 **to removing the roof and west wall of the truck bays, adding a new bay and a second**
16 **story with staff quarters, and upgrading the electrical service (the “Project”), and**
17 **further authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all things necessary or**
18 **convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Town, which may be callable, and**
19 **accomplish the Project?**

20 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, the Board recommend
21 for passage Article 20 as presented.
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23 Finance Director Wright noted that the 3% interest rate was a high estimate. Bond
24 counsel is estimating 2.75%.
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26 Motion approved 5-0.
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28 **Article 44. To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote**
29 **to raise and appropriate for Department 851 Libraries, Village Improvement**
30 **Societies, Recreation, and Public/Social Service Agencies for the 2022 – 2023 Town**
31 **Budget.**

32 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, the Board recommend for
33 passage Article 44 in the amount of \$324,095.00.

34 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Hart in Abstention).
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36 **Article 49. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town of Mount Desert will vote to**
37 **increase the property tax levy limit by \$ 747,972.00.**

38 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, the Board recommend for
39 passage Article 49 as presented.

40 Motion approved 5-0.
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42 **VIII. New Business**

43 *A. Northeast Lobster Co. LLC d/b/a The Nor' Easter 10 Huntington Rd, Northeast*
44 *Harbor request for Liquor License Renewal and Special Amusement Permit Renewal*

45 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of the
46 Northeast Lobster Co. LLC d/b/a The Nor' Easter 10 Huntington Rd, Northeast Harbor

1 request for Liquor License Renewal and Special Amusement Permit Renewal as
2 presented.
3 Motion approved 5-0.

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5 **IX. Other Business**

6 *A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*
7 There was no Other Business.

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9 **X. Treasurer's Warrants**

10 *A. Approve & Sign Treasurer's Warrant as shown below:*

Town Invoices	AP#2250	03/08/2022	\$472,289.85
Total			\$472,289.85

11 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval and signature of the
12 treasurer's Warrant as shown above.
13 Motion approved 5-0.

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15 *B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants as shown*
16 *below:*

State Fees & PR Benefits	AP#2249	03/02/2022	\$8,328.63
Town Payroll	PR#2219	03/04/2022	\$123,236.22
Total			\$131,564.85

17 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of signed
18 Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees and PR Benefit Warrants as shown above.
19 Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

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21 *C. Acknowledge Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown below:*

School Invoices	#18	03/04/2022	\$91,580.53
Total			\$91,580.53

22 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, acknowledgement of
23 Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown above.
24 Motion approved 5-0.

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Grand Total			\$695,435.23
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27 **XI. Adjournment**

28 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, adjournment.
29 Motion approved 5-0.

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31 The Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

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34 Respectfully Submitted,

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38 Wendy Littlefield