

Town of Mount Desert  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
April 20, 2022

Board Members Present: Chair John Macauley, Martha Dudman, Matt Hart

Board members Geoff Wood and Wendy Littlefield were not in attendance.

Town Officials Present: Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Finance Director Jake Wright

Members of the Public were also in attendance.

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

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

**II. New Business**

*A. Review and Approve Annual Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, prepared by James W. Wadman, C.P.A.*

Auditor James Wadman reported on the Audit Report presented to the Town. The size of the audit is due to disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board. Recent accounting changes are related to retiree benefits, pension and insurance disclosures.

The opinion letter is unmodified, stating the audit is a fair presentation of the past fiscal year.

Ending fund balance is \$14,493,199.00 with \$3,778,672.00 considered surplus.

Questions and points of discussion included:

- This year has seen a drop in interest earnings.
- Public Works expenses were down, likely due to difficulty in engaging contractors.
- Budget variance between budgeted and actual is \$803,027.00 in the Town's favor.
- Revenues are up \$148,762.00 above budget, and expenses came in \$54,266.00 below budget.
- \$700,000.00 has been proposed to be used to reduce the fund balance for the 2022 fiscal year. The amount is estimated each year based on budget activity.
- The audit goes to the State Department of Audit and the State Department of Education in electronic form. The Town is given an electronic copy to share as necessary. Mr. Wadman believed there was no additional review at the State Department levels. The State Department of Education receives quarterly reports that undergo review.
- Motor vehicle excise taxes are calculated based on MSRP.

- 1 - Discussion ensued regarding how the Town and school budgets can be brought together.  
2 Finance Director Wright wondered if the Town could model the school budget in the  
3 Town's system from the monthly reports the school produces. Mr. Wadman believed  
4 there were several reasons it would be difficult to sync the two together including the  
5 school's required accounting system, federal funding schedules, how money is dispersed  
6 through the system, and a separate grant recording system.  
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8 **III. Treasurer's Warrants**

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

Town Invoices	AP#2260	4/21/2022	\$98,317.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$98,317.40</b>

10 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval and signature of  
11 Treasurer's Warrant as shown above.  
12 Motion approved 3-0.  
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14 **IV. Other Business**

15 There was no other business.  
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17 **V. Adjournment**

18 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to adjourn the meeting.  
19 Motion approved 3-0.  
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21 The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.  
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28 Wendy Littlefield  
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