

Town of Mount Desert
Board of Selectmen Minutes
October 3, 2022

Board Members Present: Chair John Macauley, Martha Dudman, Wendy Littlefield, Rick Mooers, Geoff Wood

Town Officials Present: Tax Assessor Kyle Avila, Town Manager Durlin Lunt, CEO Kimberly Keene, Harbormaster John Lemoine, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Police Chief Jim Willis, Police Captain Dave Kerns, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, Finance Director Jake Wright

Members of the Public were also in attendance.

I. Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Macauley called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

II. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to 1 MRS A § 405(6)(E) Consultations with legal counsel to discuss a potential consent agreement.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, to enter into Executive Session.

Motion approved 5-0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:00PM.

MOTION:

Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, to leave Executive Session.

Motion approved 5-0.

The Board left Executive Session at 6:12PM.

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to reconvene the Meeting.

Motion approved 5-0.

III. Post Executive Session

A. Action if needed

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval and signature of the Consent Agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Public Hearing(s)

Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-G

There were no questions from the Board.

Chair Macauley opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the Public.

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to close the Public Hearing.

Motion approved 5-0.

V. Post Public Hearing

A. Discussion and Approve Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-G.

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to accept the Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-G, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

VI. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from September 19, 2022 meeting

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval of the September 19, 2022 Minutes as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

VII. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

None presented.

VIII. 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: Treasurer's report: 2nd Quarter 2022 (Apr-Jun) analysis of cash, cash equivalents, investments, reserves, and trust funds

B. Thank you, letters, Bar Harbor Food Pantry and Families First Community Center

C. Town of Mount Desert wins Supreme Award (1st place) in the MMA Annual Report Competition

D. A Climate to Thrive Climate Ambassadors Program

E. Hancock County Commissioners Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2022

F. MRC extends exclusivity period with Revere Capital Investors

G. Municipal Solid Waste from MRC members that was being bypassed to Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) due to the Hampden solid waste facility being closed resumed bypassing to PERC following their being back online following a fire there in August on Monday, September 19, 2022

H. The standard monthly bypass notice for October for Municipal Review Committee Members Municipal Solid Waste going to PERC

I. The standard monthly bypass notice for October for Municipal Review Committee Members Municipal Solid Waste going to PERC, date change

J. MRC's fundamental matters notice regarding their proposed partnership with Revere Capital Advisors

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, acceptance of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ms. Dudman offered congratulations to all involved with preparing an exceptional Annual Report.

Chair Macauley pointed out Item D, noting the Ambassadors Program is open to anyone interested in receiving the training. The program was advertised in the newspaper.

Motion approved 5-0.

IX. Selectmen's Reports

Ms. Littlefield inquired about the garden club's progress on the marina plan.

Manager Lunt reported there's a Harbor Committee meeting this month to discuss the issue.

X. Unfinished Business

A. FY 23 PD Cruiser Purchase – revised purchase plan

Police Chief Willis noted that the car the department intended to trade was earmarked for the Harbormaster. Harbormaster Lemoine will provide the trade-in value for the car.

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Mr. Wood seconding approval of the revised purchase plan as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

XI. New Business

A. Acadia National Park advisory Commission member Kendall Davis report on ANP advisory commission meeting September 12, 2022

Mr. Davis reported on the September 12 meeting. Highlights include:

- Park visitation is returning to normal.
- Major construction projects include
 - o Duck Brook Bridge
 - o Paving Ocean Drive Rd.
- There is an infestation of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Seal Harbor near Jordan Stream. Approximately 40 acres are infested, and it can spread. Some of the area is in the Park, and some in the Land and Garden Preserve. The Park will try to bring the infestation under control with both chemical (insecticide) and biological (predator beetles) means.

So far using predator beetles in this type of infestation has not backfired. The use of insecticides is worrisome, but with current science, Mr. Davis hopes there's a better chance of success.

Hemlock stands are often interspersed with other types of trees. The adelgid seems to prefer hemlocks.

B. Consideration of authorizing Public Works Director Tony Smith to request a written proposal from G.F. Johnston & Associates that will include a scope of services and associated costs necessary to prepare a preliminary feasibility study related to acceptable siting and construction of a vehicle turn-around at the Otter Creek Landing

Manager Lunt reported that the Town has met with Park officials. A cost estimate is needed before pursuing permitting and land acquisition.

Acadia National Park was asked if they'd like to take on the project. They declined.

MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, authorizing Public Works Director Tony Smith to request a written proposal from G.F. Johnston & Associates that will include a scope of services and associated costs necessary to prepare a preliminary feasibility study related to acceptable siting and construction of a vehicle turn-around at the Otter Creek Landing, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

C. Overnight Dispatch Update

Chief Willis reported that the system in use for overnight dispatch has been working well. He hoped to continue the system, for overnight only. The rest of the dispatch system would remain as is.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, authorizing Police Chief Willis to continue the Overnight Dispatch system currently in use.

Motion approved 5-0.

D. Endorse application of Town Manager Durlin Lunt to join the Maine Town City and County Management Association 'Ambassador' program

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, endorsing the application of Town Manager Durlin Lunt to join the Maine Town City and County Management Association 'Ambassador' program, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

E. Authorize the office of the Treasurer to negotiate and enter into settlement agreements for collection of accounts receivable generated by the Town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, authorizing the office of the Treasurer to negotiate and enter into settlement agreements for collection of accounts receivable generated by the Town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

F. Authorize the office of the Treasurer, or their designee, to write off Emergency Medical Service accounts receivable equal to insurance adjustments in accordance with best practices and industry standards

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, authorizing the office of the Treasurer, or their designee, to write off Emergency Medical Service accounts receivable equal to insurance adjustments in accordance with best practices and industry standards, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

G. Consideration of awarding the FY-2023 winter sand contract to Harold MacQuinn, Inc. at a cost of \$13.75 per cubic yard for up to 2,800 cubic yards of winter sand

MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, awarding the FY-2023 winter sand contract to Harold MacQuinn, Inc. at a cost of \$13.75 per cubic yard for up to 2,800 cubic yards of winter sand, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

H. Consideration of nominating Public Works Director Tony Smith for a third three-year term including 2023, 2024, and 2025, on the Municipal Review Committee's Board of Directors

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, nominating Public Works Director Tony Smith for a third three-year term including 2023, 2024, and 2025, on the Municipal Review Committee's Board of Directors, as presented.

Mr. Wood asked whether Director Smith's impending retirement would change his role with the MRC. Mr. Mooers felt it might give the incoming Public Works Director a window to learn about the situation before stepping into a larger role. Director Smith didn't believe it would change any of the circumstances. Director Smith would be nominated and then run against others for membership. A member must be a legal resident of the Town but does not have to be an elected official or employee.

Ms. Dudman wondered if new membership, offering new and possibly differing points of view, might be beneficial.

Director Smith disagreed. The future of solid waste in this area is bleak without this project's success. It's not the time to add someone to the board that could potentially cause dissent.

Motion approved 4-1 (Dudman opposed).

I. Request early closure of Administrative Offices at 3:30pm on October 19th for Public Works Director, Tony Smith, Retirement Party Community Event

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval of early closure of Administrative Offices at 3:30pm on October 19th for Public Works Director Tony Smith Retirement Party Community Event, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

XII. Other Business

A. Such other business as may be legally conducted

None presented.

XIII. Treasurer's Warrants

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

Town Invoices	AP#2322	10/04/2022	\$558,729.15
Total			\$558,729.15

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval and signature of Treasurer's Warrant as shown above.

Motion approved 5-0.

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

State Fees & PR Benefits	AP#2320	09/21/2022	\$83,038.39
	AP#2321	09/28/2022	\$2,945.50
Town Payroll	PR#2307	09/30/2022	\$151,954.39
Total			\$237,938.28

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval of signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants as shown above.

Motion approved 4-0-1 (Littlefield in abstention).

C. Acknowledge Treasurer's Town Voided Disbursements & School Board AP/Payroll
Warrants as shown below:

School Payroll	PR#7	09/30/2022	\$176,607.95
Total			\$176,607.95

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's Town Voided Disbursements & School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown above.
Motion approved 5-0.

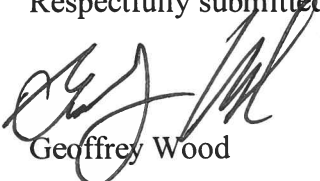
Grand Total			\$973,275.38
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XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion approved 5-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Respectfully submitted,



Geoffrey Wood