

1 E. Notice of Hancock County Commissioner District Caucus; August 17, 2023 – Election of
2 Budget Advisory Committee Member(s)

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

5 Motion approved 3-0.
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7 **VI. Selectboard's Reports**

8 Ms. Dudman asked if a League of Towns event was scheduled for the Fall. Manager Lunt was
9 unaware of an event but promised to bring it up at the September meeting.

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11 Ms. Dudman asked about the status of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance progress. Mr. Mooers
12 reported a meeting is planned for this month. The issue is on the agenda. Some preliminary
13 decisions have been made on how information is requested and received. Work with the
14 consultant and with other Towns is being done in anticipation of the meeting and in hopes of
15 seeing how Mount Desert compares and fits in with the other island communities. Mr. Mooers
16 did not know whether an ordinance will be ready to present at the next annual Town Meeting.
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18 **VII. Unfinished Business**

19 A. Discussion of resident concerns regarding traffic on Jordan Pond Road by Acadia National
20 Park traffic, in general – letter dated July 18, 2023

21 Resident Charles Stephenson summarized the issue of traffic on the Jordan Pond Road.

22 Neighborhood residents on the road have met with Park and Friends of Acadia representatives
23 regarding traffic concerns. The Selectboard at one time approved the signs on the road stating
24 No Through Traffic as an attempt at traffic control.
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26 Mr. Stephenson felt the Park is in a position to regulate the traffic but their concession at the
27 Jordan Pond House might be a conflict of interest. Mr. Stephenson presented a video showing
28 the trucks and how noisy and dangerous they can be. Mr. Stephenson requested that the Town
29 discuss the issue with the Park.
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31 Captain Kerns noted the road is a public way. The Town has no authority to change the speed
32 limit. Radar data confirms some speeding, but overall, the average speed is approximately 17 to
33 20 miles an hour. The No Through Traffic signs placed there are unenforceable. Signs
34 prohibiting engine breaks during certain hours can be placed, but such signs are not effective as
35 speed deterrents. Mount Desert Police have elected not to use the signs for that reason. Traffic
36 radar is currently in place, and Captain Kerns can pull data from the radar to determine speed and
37 traffic count. He noted a radar traffic count over a 214-day period totaled 29,183 vehicles
38 traveling one way.
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40 Chair Macauley suggested making the road a dead-end.
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42 Captain Kerns stated it was in the Town's purview to do so. Any kind of ordinance enforcement
43 regarding traffic is difficult and costly. Ms. Dudman wondered about winter access if the road
44 was a dead end. Chair Macauley felt the Park would have to keep its end open. A dead end
45 would likely mean a barricade at the end of the road, and banks of plowed snow in the winter.
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47 Mr. Mooers asked about Stanley Brook Road. Mr. Stephenson's letter referenced it as the road
48 these vehicles should be using. There are no residences on Stanley Brook Road. Acadia

1 National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider noted that truck traffic accessing the Jordan Pond
2 House could use the Stanley Brook Road or the Park Loop Road off Route 233. Superintendent
3 Schneider agreed that some of the traffic was due to the Jordan Pond House, but he believed
4 there was other traffic accessing Acadia National Park using the Jordan Pond Road as well. The
5 Park has worked to remove the route from various travel apps in an effort to control the traffic.
6 Additionally, the Park installed a speed radar sign and there are no-parking ordinances in place to
7 align with Town's ordinances. Jordan Pond House Manager Jonathon Ipe reported 26 truck
8 deliveries per week to the Jordan Pond House. Truck drivers have not been directed to use a
9 specific route. Now that the problem has come to light, Mr. Ipe promised to inform drivers and
10 get them re-routed.

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12 A resident suggested the possibility of a seasonal dead-end. The Stanley Brook Road is icy, and
13 it has many curves. This could cause dangerous driving conditions, and it may prove costly to
14 keep open in the winter. It was noted there are additional trucks using the road, such as for fuel
15 deliveries, and others are using the road as a quick way to get from Seal Harbor to Bar Harbor.
16 Trucks do not respect the residential speed limit.

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18 Superintendent Schneider noted commercial traffic is prohibited on Park roads.

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20 Other residents reiterated the danger of trucks speeding through the neighborhood. Bicyclists,
21 and pedestrians, often children, using the road are at risk sharing the road with the trucks.

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23 Friends of Acadia director Erik Stiles reported that in other areas he's worked, seasonal through-
24 road shut-downs have occurred during the busiest traffic months. Shut-downs can be designed so
25 safety personnel were still able to access the road in the event of an emergency. He believed
26 higher volume months could easily be identified by traffic numbers.

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28 With regard to speed limit, Captain Kerns reiterated the speed limit is determined by the
29 Department of Transportation (DOT) and lowering the speed limit is unenforceable.

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31 Other suggestions included temporary rubber speed bumps, narrowing the road to slow traffic,
32 better signage, another radar speed limit sign, directing truck drivers to alternative routes, and
33 transferring supplies to smaller trucks for delivery.

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35 It was noted that there are traffic and parking problems throughout the village. A seasonal
36 closing of Jordan Pond Road to through traffic might positively impact roads like Upper Dunbar
37 Road. Other areas in Seal Harbor with traffic problems were discussed.

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39 Ms. Dudman felt the best suggestion was to close the road on a seasonal basis. She noted a
40 question that should be explored is whether the delivery trucks using the road can get under the
41 bridge on the alternative route.

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43 Captain Kerns agreed to work with Municipal staff and the Park to find a solution.

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45 Mr. Mooers cautioned that use of the road will continue if there is not a roadblock preventing
46 through traffic. Because it is a public road, the Town has restrictions and limitations, controlled
47 by the State, on what can be done.

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1 B. *Update on Beech Hill Cross Road Culvert Construction*

2 Public Works Director Henkel provided a report on where the project stood. Work continues but
3 the road is currently open to traffic. The project is slightly behind schedule; the work was slow
4 to begin. An inspector representing the design engineer has been on site throughout the project.
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6 C. *Discussion regarding the Code of Ethics*

7 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to table the Item until the August
8 21, 2023 Meeting.
9 Motion approved 3-0.
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11 **VIII. New Business**

12 A. *Public Space Special Event Application –Cadillac Challenge Aid Station – Joanna Fogg;
13 Seal Harbor Village Green; Sunday, October 7, 2023 9am – 1:00 pm*

14 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval of the Public Space
15 Special Event Application – Cadillac Challenge Aid Station – Joanna Fogg; Seal Harbor Village
16 Green; Sunday, October 7, 2023 9am – 1:00 pm as presented.
17 Motion approved 3-0.
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19 B. *Public Space Special Event Application – DeSouza Wedding; Suminsby Park; Saturday, June
20 1, 2024*

21 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of the Public Space
22 Special Event Application – DeSouza Wedding; Suminsby Park; Saturday, June 1, 2024 with the
23 understanding that the park is a public space.
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25 Ms. Dudman pointed out that the application describes a potentially large number of people
26 attending and includes microphones. Representative Chandra DeSouza reported that she is
27 expecting 30 to 50 people to attend. The ceremony is expected to last 30 minutes. Microphones
28 would be used to ensure all attendees can hear the ceremony. A reception will be held at Camp
29 Beech Cliff directly after the ceremony.
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31 Ms. Dudman noted she would vote to approve provided that it's stipulated this is an exception to
32 the norm. The park is a quiet one, and she cautioned about setting precedent for amplified sound
33 there.
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35 Motion approved 3-0.
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37 C. *Public Space Special Event Application –Garden Club of Mount Desert – Tracy Combs; Seal
38 Harbor Village Green; Saturday, July 27, 2023 10am – 4:00 pm*

39 It was noted the date should read July 27, 2024.
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41 Ms. Combs reported that in an effort to reduce traffic on Cooksey Drive the Garden Club is
42 proposing to use a shuttle located at the Village Green to bring attendees to the gardens. She
43 noted places attendees can park to access the shuttle. There were 800 attendees last year. The
44 Garden Club will be capping the number of attendees this year. She hoped a system for shuttle
45 access can be created for the tours moving forward. The funds raised support a number of
46 organizations on the island.
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1 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, that the Item be Tabled pending
2 the receipt of a logistical plan for event parking, given that up to 800 people are anticipated to
3 attend.

4 Motion approved 3-0.
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6 *D. Request early closure of Administrative Offices at 1:30pm on August 11th for Police Chief,
7 James Willis, Retirement Celebration*

8 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval of early closure of
9 Administrative Offices at 1:30pm on August 11th for Police Chief James Willis' Retirement
10 Celebration as presented.

11 Motion approved 3-0.
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13 *E. Consideration of waiving the rental fee for use of the Seal Harbor fire station community
14 room by Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society on the date of June 29, 2023*

15 It was requested the date be amended to August 10, 2023.
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17 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, waiving the rental fee for use of
18 the Seal Harbor fire station community room by Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society on the
19 date of August 10, 2023 as presented and amended.

20 Motion approved 3-0.
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22 *F. Request authorization to solicit competitive bids for a new ambulance for the Fire
23 Department*

24 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of authorization to solicit
25 competitive bids for a new ambulance for the Fire Department as presented.

26 Motion approved 3-0.
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28 *G. Request authorization to solicit competitive bids for a new SUV quick response vehicle for
29 the Fire Department*

30 Fire Chief Bender explained a quick response vehicle will be assigned to the paramedics.
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32 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, authorization to solicit competitive
33 bids for a new SUV quick response vehicle for the Fire Department as presented.

34 Motion approved 3-0.
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36 *H. Consideration of approving the revised agreement with Hedefine Engineering & Design, Inc.
37 for Construction Administration services on the Northeast Harbor fire station project and, if
38 approved, authorizing the Fire Chief to sign and execute said agreement*

39 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of the revised agreement
40 with Hedefine Engineering & Design, Inc. for Construction Administration services on the
41 Northeast Harbor fire station project and, if approved, authorizing the Fire Chief to sign and
42 execute said agreement as presented.

43 Motion approved 3-0.
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45 *I. Request authorization to solicit competitive bids for a new 4x4 single cab pickup truck for the
46 Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department*

1 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, authorization to solicit competitive
 2 bids for a new 4x4 single cab pickup truck for the Wastewater Division of the Public Works
 3 Department as presented.
 4 Motion approved 3-0.

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 6 Director Henkel noted electric or hybrid vehicles would be considered, but he was unsure
 7 whether something appropriate would be found.
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9 **IX. Other Business**

10 *A. Such other business as may be legally conducted*

11 Resident Steve Pinkham inquired about the Traffic Committee. Manager Lunt reported the
 12 Traffic Committee has not met for a number of years. The Police Department has been handling
 13 traffic issues as they come up. Mr. Pinkham stated there are a number of traffic issues in Town.
 14 He requested all issues regarding Seal Harbor traffic be looked at and not just the issues the
 15 Jordan Pond Road residents reported on. He believed the Planning Board should also be
 16 involved.
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18 Chair Macauley noted the traffic issues at Steamboat Wharf Road were being looked into by the
 19 Police. Additional signage has been put up there, but problems still exist. Chief Bender echoed
 20 the concerns. He reported there have been accidents involving emergency vehicles in Seal
 21 Harbor. Cooksey Drive was also mentioned as a problematic road.
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23 Chair Macauley wondered if significant fines attached to the signage already up would influence
 24 those parking illegally.
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26 Captain Kerns noted that the DOT did not paint the lines on the main street of Seal Harbor, and
 27 people are beginning to park on both sides again.
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29 **X. Treasurer's Warrants**

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

Town Invoices	AP#2408	8/8/2023	\$2,281,016.53
Total			\$2,281,016.53

31 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval and signature of
 32 Treasurer's Warrant as shown above.
 33 Motion approved 3-0.
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35 *B. Approve Signed Treasurer's Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants as shown below:*

State Fees & PR Benefits	AP#2405	7/19/2023	\$8,884.86
	AP#2406	7/27/2023	\$97,190.74
	AP#2407	8/2/2023	\$4,894.00
Town Payroll	PR#2402	7/21/2023	\$178,287.24
	PR#2403	7/21/2023	\$12,666.28
	PR#2404	8/4/2023	\$193,709.62
Total			\$495,632.74

36 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, approval of signed Treasurer's
 37 Payroll, State Fees, & PR Benefit Warrants as shown above.
 38 Motion approved 3-0.

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

School Invoices	AP#2	8/2/2023	\$181,713.81
School Payroll	PR#2	7/21/2023	\$145,193.13
	PR#3	8/8/2023	\$67,512.92
Voided Disbursements			\$0
Total			\$394,419.86

4 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Mooers seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's
5 Town Voided Disbursements & School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown above.
6 Motion approved 3-0.
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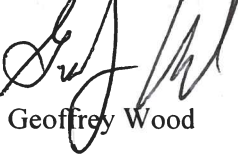
Grand Total			\$3,171,069.13
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9 **XI. Adjournment**

10 MOTION: Mr. Mooers moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, to adjourn.
11 Motion approved 3-0.

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13 The Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

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15 Respectfully Submitted,

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19 Geoffrey Wood