

**Town of Mount Desert
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 4, 2021**

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

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

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 6:29PM.

II. Public Hearing(s)

None at this time

III. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from September 20, 2021

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, approval of the September 20, 2021 Minutes as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations

A. Consideration of appointment of Gail Marshall as School Board member to fill the vacancy of Susan MacCready until the municipal election of 2022

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, appointment of Gail Marshall as School Board member to fill the vacancy of Susan MacCready until the municipal election of 2022, with thanks.

Ms. Marshall was in attendance. She affirmed she was honored to serve.

Motion approved 5-0.

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. Thank you letter from Acadia Family Center; September 10, 2021

B. MRC: Recent update on bypass waste and PERC

C. MRC update on the sale process of the Coastal Resources of Maine solid waste handling facility in Hampden, Maine

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

Mr. Hart requested an update on the lease situation with Coastal Resources of Maine. Public Works Director Smith noted there's been no change since the last update was

1 received. Two proposals for the solid waste handling facility were submitted on
2 September 30.

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4 Motion approved 5-0.

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6 **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

7 Ms. Dudman asked about the status of the mapping of the marina. Town Manager Lunt
8 confirmed funding has been found, and the work is proceeding.

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11 Ms. Dudman asked about the issue of weekly rentals. Manager Lunt noted the issue was
12 on the LUZO Advisory Committee's agenda for discussion.

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15 Ms. Dudman asked about the possibility of recycling while waiting for the Coastal
16 Resources of Maine issue to be resolved. Director Smith reported he's been in touch with
17 EMR and they are pulling together some information. The City of Ellsworth, where the
18 Town had been recycling previously, is unable to take recycling from Mount Desert.
19 Director Smith has some other options but is waiting to hear from EMR before further
20 exploration.

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23 Chair Macauley asked about the hall in Somesville. Manager Lunt explained that
24 progress has been slow due to difficulties reaching family members. He hopes to work
25 with the Masonic Hall and will continue to pursue that course.

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27 Clerk Woolfolk noted that holding summer elections would likely be impossible at the
28 Masonic Hall due to the Acadia Repertory Theater's use of the space. Other potential
29 space brainstormed included the church in Somesville, the school, a fire station bay, the
30 Town Office Meeting Room, and Neighborhood House.

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33 Ms. Littlefield asked for an update on the issue of memorials. Ms. Dudman hoped that
34 once the marina project is completed, perhaps the same group would turn their attention
35 to other green spaces in Town. Mr. Hart noted the small "pop-up" parks in Town might
36 provide adequate space for memorials. He suggested small memorial plaques; they could
37 be moved or replaced as needed. Ms. Dudman suggested a designated menu of options
38 for memorial use, such as tree space, or benches. Mr. Wood agreed.

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40 Manager Lunt noted the Garden Club was moving on the marina project, and the issue
41 can be further addressed once more information is available from them.

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43 **VI. Unfinished Business**

44 A. *Confirmation of project with Acadia National Park to study the health of Otter Creek*
45 *Harbor through Thriving Earth Exchange*

1 Manager Lunt confirmed the project had been approved to move forward. Next steps
2 include a kickoff next week. There will be a recruiting process for volunteer scientists.
3 The project can then be mapped out. It was expected to last 12 to 18 months. The Park
4 and the Town will then receive recommendations and decide on next steps.

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6 No Action was required.

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8 **VII. New Business**

9 *A. Discussion regarding Acadia National Park proposed use of Town Hill parcel for*
10 *workforce housing with John Kelly and Kevin Schneider*

11 Acadia National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider and Management Assistant John
12 Kelley were both in attendance. Superintendent Schneider explained the parcel identified
13 is restricted for use as a transfer station by federal legislation. It's evident the land cannot
14 be used as a transfer station. The Park has been considering what to do with the land for
15 years. Workforce housing is a clear need on the island. Work has been done to assess the
16 land for such a use. The parcel is 55 acres. The Park is considering giving 40 acres to the
17 Island Housing Trust for use as workforce housing. The rest would be retained by the
18 Park for their own housing needs into the future. The Park has reached out to the other
19 Towns on the island to get consensus and input on the proposal. The project will require
20 federal legislation. Consensus at the local level will assist toward that end.

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22 Ms. Dudman asked if the project could incorporate public transportation. Mr. Kelley
23 believed it was a possibility. The project is not to the point of designing pieces like
24 transportation.

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26 Superintendent Schneider noted the Island Housing Trust would use their portion of the
27 land as they saw fit. The Park's vision for their portion is for use as permanent year-round
28 workforce housing, particularly for Park law enforcement personnel. The land is in the
29 Town of Bar Harbor.

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31 Mr. Wood asked about the Right of Way. Mr. Kelley noted it was an issue that needs to
32 be addressed. Having consensus from the area stakeholders will help when addressing the
33 issue.

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35 Island Housing Trust President Marla O'Byrne noted the project is so preliminary there
36 are no concrete vision at this time. She hopes for a collaborative process with the Town
37 and other stakeholders.

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39 Superintendent Schneider hoped for a Motion and vote in support for the concept.
40 Legislation will take years.

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42 **MOTION:** Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, supporting the effort of
43 Acadia National Park's proposed use of Town Hill parcel for workforce housing, as
44 presented.

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46 Motion approved 5-0.

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2 *B. Consideration of purchasing our FY-22 winter sand from Harold MacQuinn, Inc.*
3 *at a price of \$11.50 per cubic yard delivered*

4 MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, approval of purchasing our
5 FY-22 winter sand from Harold MacQuinn, Inc. at a price of \$11.50 per cubic yard
6 delivered, as presented.

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8 Motion approved 5-0.

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10 *C. Consideration of MRC Board of Directors Nomination Form*

11 Director Smith noted that no action was necessary on the Nomination Form, unless the
12 Board desires to nominate another MRC Director. Otherwise, Director Smith will
13 continue his role as an MRC Director until the end of 2022.

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15 No Action was taken.

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17 *D. Request authorization for the Fire Chief to sign and execute a contract with Maine*
18 *Maritime Academy to provide the fire department's breathing air*
19 *cascade/compressor vehicle along with an operator in support of their student fire*
20 *training program at the Ellsworth Fire Training Center*

21 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, authorization for the Fire Chief
22 to sign and execute a contract with Maine Maritime Academy to provide the fire
23 department's breathing air cascade/compressor vehicle along with an operator in support
24 of their student fire training program at the Ellsworth Fire Training Center, as presented.

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26 Motion approved 5-0.

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28 *E. Letter to Governor Mills regarding the Town of Mount Desert's opposition to the*
29 *American Aquafarms proposal for aquaculture farm in Frenchman Bay*

30 A small error was found in the letter.

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32 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, signature of the letter to
33 Governor Mills regarding the Town of Mount Desert's opposition to the American
34 Aquafarms proposal for aquaculture farm in Frenchman Bay, as amended.

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36 Chair Macauley asked for public comment. There was none.

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38 Motion approved 5-0.

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40 *F. Request approval to carry forward unexpended FY 21 amounts to the FY 22 budget*
41 *for the following account numbers in the following amounts: 1770100-54540*
42 *Community Development - \$4,000 – Requested by: Town Manager, Durlin*
43 *Lunt 1220440-53900; Planning Board Scenic Vistas / Steep Slopes - \$35,677.00 –*
44 *Requested by: Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Keene*

45 Manager Lunt explained the Community Development work intended was slowed due to
46 the Covid pandemic. Manager Lunt hoped to keep the money to continue the work.

The \$35,677 for Steep Slopes was donated for a very specific housing development project on Somes Sound. The project has not taken place. The money must be carried until such time as the work occurs, or a project comes up that adequately honors the intent of the gift.

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval to carry forward unexpended FY 21 amounts to the FY 22 budget for the following account numbers in the following amounts: 1770100-54540 Community Development - \$4,000 – Requested by: Town Manager, Durlin Lunt 1220440-53900; Planning Board Scenic Vistas / Steep Slopes - \$35,677.00 – Requested by: Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Keene, as presented.

Motion approved 5-0.

VIII. Other Business

A. *Such other business as may be legally conducted*
 There was no other business.

IX. Treasurer’s Warrants

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

Town Invoices	AP#2182	10/05/21	\$3,240.00
	AP#2218	10/05/21	\$137,981.71
Total			\$141,221.71

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Littlefield 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#2216	09/22/21	\$77,874.99
	AP#2217	09/15/21	\$3,838.78
Town Payroll	PR#2208	09/03/21	\$116,453.96
Total			\$198,167.73

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval of signed Treasurer’s Payroll, State Fees, and PR Benefit Warrants as shown above.

Motion approved, 4-0-1 (Littlefield in Abstention).

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

School Invoices	#07	10/01/21	\$87,799.90
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Total			\$87,799.90

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Grand Total			\$427,189.34
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MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, acknowledgement of Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown above.

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Motion approved 5-0.

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IX. Adjournment

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MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, adjournment.

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Motion approved 5-0.

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Wendy Littlefield