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1 **Town of Mount Desert**
2 **Selectboard Meeting Minutes**
3 **Monday, October 18, 2021**

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

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

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12 Members of the public were also in attendance.

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

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

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17 **II. Minutes**

18 *A. Approval of minutes from October 4, 2021 meeting*

19 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Hart seconding, approval of the October 4,
20 2021 Minutes as presented.

21 Motion approved 5-0.

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23 **III. Appointments/Recognitions/Resignations**

24 *A. Appointment of Carrie Eason as Warden for the November 2, 2021 State Referendum*
25 *Election*

26 MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, appointment of Carrie
27 Eason as Warden for the November 2, 2021 State Referendum Election, as presented and
28 with thanks.

29 Motion approved 5-0.

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

35 *A. Progress report on Hampden solid waste processing facility sale*

36 *B. Hancock County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes of September 15 and 28,*
37 *2021*

38 *C. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Filing Deadline Amendments*

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

41 Motion approved 5-0.

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43 **V. Selectmen's Reports**

44 Ms. Dudman reported that she and Mr. Hart attended a recent Economic Development
45 Committee meeting. An issue that comes up regularly is the parking in downtown
46 Northeast Harbor. The Town is trying to attract residents to Northeast Harbor, and with

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1 the increase in downtown apartments, the new College of the Atlantic housing included,
2 overnight parking is a growing problem. She was confident Police Chief Willis is
3 involved in finding a solution but wanted the Board to be aware. Manager Lunt believed
4 Chief Willis would present to the Board some ideas for potential alleviation of the
5 problem.

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7 **VI. Unfinished Business**

8 None presented

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10 **VII. New Business**

11 *A. Public Space Special Event Application – USCG Morale Building Event; October 29,*
12 *2021, Northeast Harbor Marina Green*

13 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval of Public Space
14 Special Event Application – USCG Morale Building Event; October 29, 2021, Northeast
15 Harbor Marina Green, as presented.

16 Motion approved 5-0.

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18 *B. Resident Request – street light removal*

19 Resident Kyle Avila requested a streetlight on Maple Lane be removed. The light is right
20 outside his house and very bright. Mr. Avila has worked with Public Works Director on
21 various light reduction efforts, but none have proven adequately effective. He requested
22 the Board direct the Public Works Director to remove the light.

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24 Mr. Hart noted the light could be used elsewhere if taken down.

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26 MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, granting the request of
27 street light removal as presented.

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29 Motion approved 5-0.

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31 *C. Consideration of carry forward request from PWD Tony Smith to carry \$32,566 from*
32 *FY-21 to FY-22 shown in the appropriations budget as “Sewer Capital-Pump*
33 *Station: Line number 1550551-57051”, said funds to be used for the pump station*
34 *improvements portion of the overall “Pump Station and Treatment Plant*
35 *Improvements Project”*

36 MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, approval of carry forward
37 request from PWD Tony Smith to carry \$32,566 from FY-21 to FY-22 shown in the
38 appropriations budget as “Sewer Capital-Pump Station: Line number 1550551-57051”,
39 said funds to be used for the pump station improvements portion of the overall “Pump
40 Station and Treatment Plant Improvements Project”, as presented.

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42 Director Smith reported the pump stations to be improved are the Gilpatrick Cove pump
43 station and the Manchester Road pump station.

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45 Motion approved 5-0.

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1 D. *Memo from Finance Director, Jake Wright, recommending that the Town adopt the*
2 *provisions of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS*
3 *Rule Chapter 803 with a limited scope to only include school department employees*
4 *(non-Teacher plan school support employees), while reserving the right to adopt the*
5 *aforementioned provisions for remaining Town employees at a future date if desire is*
6 *demonstrated.*

7 Finance Director Wright explained that employers now have the right to choose whether
8 to implement this change. Implementation would mean employees who have been
9 employed for five years or more and have elected not to sign on will be allowed one more
10 chance to do so. Additionally, an open enrollment will be implemented once per year
11 during an employee's first five years of employment. It will be a lot of effort to
12 implement, therefore Director Wright reached out to all departments to assess the need.
13 Only the School Department had employees interested in exercising the option. The
14 MainePERS plan administrator stated the Town has the right to separate out the school
15 from the Town due to the school having a separate reporting code. The Town can reserve
16 the right to adopt open enrollment provisions in the future if there are employees who
17 elect not to join and then change their mind. It was Director Wright's opinion that it was
18 better to wait until there was such a desire from employees before incurring the costs
19 associated with the change.
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21 Mr. Hart asked why MainePERS is now starting this outreach. Director Wright noted
22 there were IRS tax policies that previously discouraged this kind of enrollment. The
23 Maine Legislature adopted legislation that allows for these additional opportunities to
24 join without conflicting with current IRS tax law.
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26 No Action was necessary.
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28 E. *Consider adopting the provisions of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as*
29 *allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 to only apply to the school department*
30 *employees (non-Teacher plan school support employees) as stated in "Sample*
31 *wording for Town of Mt. Desert's governing body to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S.*
32 *§ 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) – SCHOOL SUPPORT" document provided by*
33 *MainePERS – Recommended by Jake Wright, Finance Director*

34 MOTION: Mr. Wood moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, adoption of the provisions
35 of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter
36 803 to only apply to the school department employees (non-Teacher plan school support
37 employees) as stated in "Sample wording for Town of Mt. Desert's governing body to
38 adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) – SCHOOL
39 SUPPORT" document provided by MainePERS – Recommended by Jake Wright,
40 Finance Director, as presented.

41 Motion approved 5-0.
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43 F. *Consider adopting the provisions of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as*
44 *allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 to apply to all Town employees as stated in*
45 *"Sample wording for Town of Mt. Desert's governing body to adopt the provisions of*

5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286)” document provided by MainePERS –
Jake Wright, Finance Director recommends to NOT adopt

MOTION: Ms. Littlefield moved, with Mr. Wood seconding, adoption of the provisions of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 to apply to all Town employees as stated in “Sample wording for Town of Mt. Desert’s governing body to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286)” document provided by MainePERS, as presented.
Motion Failed, 0-5.

G. Consider signing Account Agreement with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust to open a non-interest-bearing account to house ARPA funds

MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, approval of signing Account Agreement with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust to open a non-interest-bearing account to house ARPA funds, as presented.
Motion approved 4-0-1 (Dudman in Abstention).

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#2221	10/19/21	188,764.32
Total			188,764.32

MOTION: Mr. Wood 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#2219	10/06/21	18,118.83
	AP#2220	10/14/21	33,846.66
Town Payroll	PR#2209	10/15/21	112,723.30
Total			164,688.79

MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Mr. Hart 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 School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown below:

School Invoices	#4	10/06/21	206,580.42
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	#8	10/15/21	87,771.33
Total			294,351.75

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Grand Total			647,804.86
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MOTION: Mr. Hart moved, with Ms. Dudman seconding, acknowledgement of
3 Treasurer's School Board AP/Payroll Warrants as shown above.
4 Motion approved 5-0.

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X. Adjournment

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MOTION: Ms. Dudman moved, with Ms. Littlefield seconding, adjournment.
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The Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

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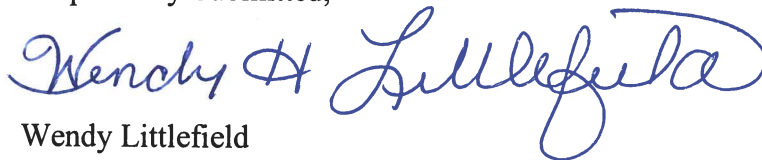
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Wendy Littlefield