

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**January 24, 2011**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
Approved on February 3, 2011

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**Selectmen Present:** James S. Henderson, Mark E. Wallace and Elinor Multer

**Staff Present:** Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator and Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was videotaped for later broadcast on Harpswell Community Television.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as printed.

**2. Public Comment:** None.

**3. Town Administrator's Report:** Administrator Eiane handed out a packet with the secret ballot questions and the appropriate ordinances with the final language after legal review. Administrator Eiane reviewed the minor changes made by the attorney. Administrator Eiane noted the Solid Waste Ordinance is no longer included on the secret ballot based on comments from the Selectmen. Chairman Henderson moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to approve the list of secret ballot items as presented today [not including Solid Waste]; motion passed 3-0.

**4. Selectmen's Announcements:** None.

**5. Re-Consider Secret Ballot for Solid Waste Ordinance:** Omitted as addressed in item 3.

**6. Discussion of Town Line Boundary Matter and Lobbying Effort:** Administrator Eiane stated the Board passed a motion at the last meeting to authorize up to \$2,000 for lobbying efforts regarding the Town line boundary matter. The Board was generally agreeable at that meeting to hire lobbyist, Robert Howe. Mr. Howe has submitted a proposal with a minimum charge of \$2,000, a maximum charge of \$5,000, and his hourly rate. The Town has also received a proposal from Holly Jones of Preti Flaherty. Administrator Eiane asked if the Board was prepared to proceed with Mr. Howe. Chairman Henderson supported hiring Robert Howe and stated several reasons, including that Mr. Howe worked for the Town before, previously lived in Town, he's had experience with the Legislature and this Committee for many, many years and is prepared to move forward on this issue. Selectman Multer expressed concern about the proposal stating a \$2,000 minimum when that is all the funds that have been authorized. Administrator Eiane noted there is \$4,000 available in a carryover account for legislative assistance. Chairman Henderson responded that the minimum is probably for the hearing work and that it will be more for committee work but that the Board can discuss the price schedule with Mr. Howe later. Sam Alexander stated his only concern with Mr. Howe is whether or not he was involved in the 1998 procedure and court case in any way. Administrator Eiane responded she did not recall a lobbyist being involved at that time. Mr. Alexander stated he is personally fine with Mr. Howe as he has experience with the committee and process. Chairman Henderson stated that when he spoke with Mr. Howe about this matter, Mr. Howe asked for certain information about the 1998 decision, which indicates to Chairman Henderson that Mr. Howe was not involved. Chairman Henderson asked if there was any objection to hiring Mr. Howe; both Selectman Multer and Selectman Wallace responded no. Amy Haible asked the Board to publicize the hearing date and to develop a plan on how to proceed through this process and be sure Mr. Howe is adequately informed. Ms. Haible stated the Carrying Place Assembly has attempted to not make the boundary issue a clam issue but Brunswick did at last year's hearing. Ms. Haible requested the Town's marine warden attend the hearing and be prepared to answer any questions that Brunswick may raise and that an invitation be extended to the Marine Resources Committee. This issue is about restoring the historic boundary and perhaps an agreement can be reached with Brunswick about sharing the clam flats. Gareth Anderson announced there are rides available to the hearing on Wednesday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. in room 214 at the Cross Office Building in

Augusta. A bus will leave the grange at 8:00 a.m. and car pooling is available with more information available by calling Sam Alexander at 729-8842, Laddie Whidden 833-2376 and Gareth Anderson at 833-2320.

**7. Other Business:** None.

**8. Authorization of the Warrant:** Removed.

**9. Public Comment:** None.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting moved into a workshop session with the Carrying Place Assembly at 3:25 p.m. and adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer

Attachments:

[Attachments are available at the Town Clerk's Office or by email at [harpwell@town.harpwell.me.us](mailto:harpwell@town.harpwell.me.us)]