

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2011**

**Harpswell Town Office**

**Approved on March 3, 2011**

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**Selectmen Present:** Mark E. Wallace and Elinor Multer; Chairman Henderson not present

**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 4:30 p.m.

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

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to adopt the agenda as amended by adding 3.1 Consider Writing Letter to Legislative Representatives re: Revenue Sharing; motion passed 2-0.

**2. Consider Lease Agreement with Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue Department for Pumper Truck:** Administrator Eiane explained the Board authorized the payment (\$362,355) last week for this pumper truck, to be used primarily by the Harpswell Neck Department, and the truck was delivered to Maine from Louisiana for the finishing touches. The purchase of this vehicle is a part of the Town's relationship with the three independent fire and rescue departments under which the Town purchases the emergency vehicles and leases them to the departments. David Mercier, Harpswell Neck Fire Chief, stated he went to Louisiana to inspect the vehicle and ensure it was constructed according to the contract; a few minor adjustments were made. The truck was delivered to Northeast Fire Apparatus for lettering and a mechanical inspection on Monday. The truck is showing a check engine light and while it is probably something minor like a fuel code, Morris and Sylvester, local representative for Ferrara Fire Apparatus, is investigating it. Administrator Eiane stated the Town will not accept the vehicle until the issue is resolved. Administrator Eiane explained the lease is for 10-years and contains the necessary language regarding bonding of the funds for the purchase. The Town will retain ownership of the vehicle and the Department will maintain and insure the vehicle. Mr. Mercier stated he has all the Department's vehicles serviced annually. If the check engine light issue is resolved, on Wednesday, the Town will meet with the vendor and David Mercier to complete the transaction and transfer the title. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to approve the lease agreement and arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate for the pumper truck for lease by the Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue Department; motion passed 2-0.

**3. Set Public Hearing for March 3, 2011 7:00 P.M. to Consider Posting Town Roads:** Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to set March 3 at 7:00 p.m. as a public hearing to consider posting Town roads; motion passed 2-0. The Board agreed to have notices sent to businesses and to post the notice on the website.

**3.1 Consider Writing Letter to Legislative Representatives Re: Revenue Sharing:** Selectman Multer stated that the Maine Municipal Association has sent out a notice that on Tuesday (3/1), the Appropriation and Taxation Committees will hold a hearing on the Governor's proposed budget that includes a proposal to change the amount and status of revenue sharing. The current law is based on a formula that allows more revenue sharing to municipalities when the State's revenue is high and lowers the amount when the State's revenue is lower. The Governor's proposal is to make revenue sharing a yearly appropriation that will no doubt be reduced during difficult budget years. Selectman Multer suggested the Board draft a letter opposing the revenue sharing proposal for Chairman Henderson to review upon his return. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to draft a letter opposing the proposal; motion passed 2-0.

Administrator Eiane reported there will be a candidate forum on HCTV Tuesday night.

**4. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer