

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012
Harpswell Town Office
Approved on February 23, 2012

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At 5:20 PM, Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property; motion passed 3-0. The Board returned to open session 5:50 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Elinor Multer, James S. Henderson and Alison S. Hawkes

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

The meeting was videotaped and broadcast live on Harpswell Community Television.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Hawkes to adopt the agenda as printed; motion passed 3-0.

2. Public Comment: Robert McIntyre encouraged the Board to promote use of the Harpswell post offices and asked for an update on the recreational easement at the West Harpswell School property. Administrator Eiane stated she met with the Superintendent and the Business Manager of MSAD 75, and with a Maine Department of Conservation (DOC) representative regarding the agreement signed by MSAD 75. The DOC will allow MSAD 75 to move the recreational space to another property as long as the property is of at least equal value. The playground equipment will remain at the West Harpswell School property and MSAD 75 has agreed to relocate its obligation for a recreational space to another location within the District.

3. Town Administrator's Report: Administrator Eiane reported that Steve Gordon, newly elected County Commissioner, provided family passes for the February 10 Disney on Ice show at a discounted rate for the Town to distribute. Anyone interested in obtaining the passes can contact the Town Office.

4. Selectmen's Announcements: None.

5. Consider Informational Piece Re: West Harpswell School Non-Binding Referendum: The Board reviewed the draft informational piece and made some minor changes. Chairman Multer noted she would like to have an explanatory piece on Harpswell Community Television as well.

7. Other Business: The Board agreed to consider committee applications that are submitted between now and April 30 if there are vacancies on the committees being applied for.

8. Public Comment: None.

6. 2012 Budget Review: Administrator Eiane reviewed a possible tax rate calculation for 2012 and a summary of the 2012 budget reflecting a 7% increase primarily due to the new items (paramedic, garage and West Harpswell School). The following budget categories were discussed and agreed upon:

<u>Gen. Gov.</u>	Actuals 2011	Budget 2011	BAC 2012	Selectmen %± 2012	2012
Town Buildings, Property & Vehicles	59,983	62,900	64,900	3.18%	64,900
Public Works					
Snow Removal	388,133	398,973	403,663	1.18%	412,663 *
Road Maintenance	96,544	100,000	125,000	25.00%	125,000
Road/Street Signs	986	2,000	2,000		2,000
Recycling & Transfer	342,300	374,844	373,423	-0.38%	373,423
	827,963	875,817	904,086	3.23%	913,086
Pro. & Safety					
Emergency Services: Oper. & Capital	180,000	180,000	180,000		180,000
ALS, Phone & Central Comm.	16,578	18,720	126,840	577.56%	126,840
Fire Warden	1,600	2,000	2,000		2,000
Emergency Management	4,064	4,350	3,550	-18.39%	3,550
Street Lighting	25,242	27,000	22,500	-16.67%	22,500
Harbor Management	39,275	39,026	41,682	6.81%	41,682
General Law Enforcement	288,098	288,098	307,015	6.57%	305,065 *
Communications	30,438	30,438	31,329	2.93%	31,329
Shellfish Conservation: Marine Patrol	168,788	168,789	180,470	6.92%	179,090 *
Shellfish Conservation: Boat Operation:	1,314	3,500	4,000	14.29%	4,000
Dry Hydrant Maintenance	0	2,000	2,000		5,000 *
	755,397	763,921	901,386	17.99%	901,056
H&Welfare					
General Assistance	17,213	19,000	21,000	10.53%	21,000
Social Service Agencies	14,730	14,730	16,930	14.94%	16,930
Heating Reserve	18,299	5,000	20,000	300.00%	20,000
	50,242	38,730	57,930	49.57%	57,930
Cult. & Rec.					
Curtis Library	114,988	114,988	119,484	3.91%	119,484
Orr's Island Library	13,000	13,000	13,000		13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	13,800	13,800	13,800		13,800
Harpwell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500		500
Memorial Observances	1,157	1,200	1,600	33.33%	1,600
Harpwell Community Broadcasting	58,000	58,000	58,000		58,000
Recreation Department	22,947	25,545	26,505	3.76%	26,505
Recreation Programs	7,250	7,250	11,120	53.38%	11,120
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,503	2,503	2,420	-3.32%	2,420
Five Rivers Arts Alliance	500	500	500		500
Harpwell Scouting Assistance Assoc	50	60	0	-100.00%	
Harpwell Festival	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
	238,695	241,346	250,929	3.97%	250,929
Cap. Reserves					
Boat & Motor Replacement	0	6,000	35,000	483.33%	35,000
Vehicle Replacement & Equip	0	25,000	25,000		25,000
Town Office/Facilities/HVAC	0	16,000	10,000	-37.50%	10,000
Generator Replacement	0	0	0		0
Orr's Island Library Reserve	15,000	15,000	10,000	-33.33%	10,000
Recycling Center	16,674	25,000	30,000	20.00%	30,000
Dry Hydrant Reserve	10,100	0	10,000		10,000
Emergency Communications Equip	3,469	3,000	5,000	66.67%	5,000
Office equipment	2295	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000
Public, Education, Governmental TV	8,098	11,000	13,000	18.18%	13,000
EMS Garage	0	0	74,000		74,000
	0	106,000	217,000	104.72%	217,000
Mitchell Field	13,239	28,650	29,100	1.57%	29,100
Capital Roads	221,480	0	0		BOND
Debt Service	427,612	433,500	460,000	6.11%	460,000
Em. Ser.Veh.	362,335	200,000	100,000	-50.00%	100,000
WHS School	20,353	27,400	70,000		70,000
Spec. Projects					
Aerial Maps	0	0	9,000		9,000
Failed Septic System	0	5,000	10,000	100.00%	10,000
Town Line boundary	7,154	10,000	0	-100.00%	
FEMA	1,389	5,000	0	-100.00%	
Conservation Fund	0	5,000	0	-100.00%	
Local Circuit Breaker Program	22,467	60,000	12,500	-79.17%	12,500
Wetlands Del. & bound. Survey -Hildrett	2,350	6,000	0	-100.00%	
Emergency Services Strategic Planning	3,610	3,500	0	-100.00%	
Economic Development	3,259	0	5,000		5,000
Devil's Back	0	0	6,000		6,000
	40,229	94,500	42,500	-55.03%	42,500

*The Budget Advisory Committee is meeting February 8 to consider the changes.

David Mercier, Harpswell Neck Fire Chief, asked the Board not to combine the paramedic services in the same warrant article as the garage as the Board discussed. Mr. Mercier expressed concern that combining may not be as clear to the voter and also possibly risks the approval of the paramedic services if voters are not in favor of the garage.

9. Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments:

[Attachments are available at the Town Clerk's Office or by email at harpswell@town.harpswell.me.us]