

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2012
Harpswell Town Office
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The Board attended a hearing regarding ordinances at 6:00 pm.

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

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; and Rosalind Knight, Town Clerk

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Hawkes to adopt the agenda as amended by adding 4e. Consider Amendments to the Shellfish Ordinance and a couple of items under Other Business; motion passed 3-0.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Election Appointments: Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to appoint those recommended by the Town Clerk; motion passed 3-0.

4. Consider Ordinances and Amendments for Town Meeting Warrant

A. Settled Village District: Selectman Henderson stated he had wanted data on how many conforming lots this proposal would create from currently non-conforming lots and due to miscommunication with the Planner, the data is not available. He stated if the lot figures were just a few he would be in favor but if a lot of conforming lots would be created he would not be. The impact on water and septic is difficult. Chairman Multer stated she is torn between the comments received on this proposal and the work the Committee invested in the project. Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to place this on the warrant, indicating that this did not mean she would recommend its approval by Town Meeting; motion failed 1-2 (Chairman Multer in favor).

B. West Harpswell Village: Chairman Multer moved, with the same rationale, to place this on the warrant; motion seconded by Selectman Henderson. Selectman Henderson stated he spoke with a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee member earlier who indicated there may be alternative ideas. Selectman Henderson expressed concern about proceeding and Town Meeting rejecting the concept that may prohibit alternative ideas. Chairman Multer noted the Board could create a new committee to address these issues. Selectman Henderson read the disclaimer on the 2005 Comprehensive Plan maps that states the maps are for planning purposes and subject to change. The motion to place the ordinance on the warrant failed by a vote of 1-2 (Chairman Multer in favor).

The Board asked about the general question the Committee recommended to see if Town Meeting would support the concept of villages. Administrator Eiane reported the Town Attorney does not recommend such a general question as more specifics should be integrated so the voter knows what language is being proposed to change.

C. Mobile Food Handler's Ordinance and Associated Ordinance Amendments: The Board agreed more work needs to be done on this ordinance and to schedule a workshop with the planner.

D. Eagle Island Historic District: Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to present this amendment to Town Meeting; motion passed 3-0.

E. Shellfish Ordinance: Administrator Eiane explained this proposal is a result of a commercial license becoming available due to a death. Rather than a first come, first service approach, this proposal will implement a lottery system based on the original license process. The amendments were discussed with

Deputy Bradbury and Selectman Hawkes. Selectman Hawkes questioned the conservation time process as the State previously indicated it may be unfair. The Board agreed to resolve this conservation time issue for the next meeting and to hold a public hearing regarding current changes in two weeks. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Selectman Hawkes to approve the amendments as presented tonight; motion passed 3-0.

5. Finalize 2012 Town Meeting Warrant:

- A. Possible M.S.A.D. 75 School District Directors Article:** Selectman Henderson noted he brought this forward and there is no one to support it this evening so he is willing to let it go.
- B. Mitchell Field Boat Launch Articles:** Selectman Henderson noted he was in favor of the articles. Selectman Henderson moved to place this on the warrant; seconded by Selectman Hawkes. The Board discussed whether to place an article on the warrant or wait until funding sources are known. There was consensus to drop the article to allow time to further investigate whether a less costly boat ramps is feasible.
- C. Recommendations on Articles:** Administrator Eiane asked how the Board wanted to handle split votes; the Board wants names stated. Administrator Eiane expressed concern about the infrastructure study that revealed the pier should be blocked off for safety reasons and the Board will receive copies of the full study. The Board provided recommendations for each article.
- D. Use of Revenues and Fund Balance:** The Board agreed to present a LD-1 compliant budget and use \$350,000 of fund balance.
- E. West Harpswell School Non-Binding Referendum:** Chairman Multer suggested providing a handout with the ballot explaining that one doesn't have to vote for all four options regarding West Harpswell School.

6. Other Business: The Board agreed on the Town Report dedication, cover and Selectmen's report.

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments:

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