

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27, 2012**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
Approved on April 12, 2012

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**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 called to order at 8:53 a.m.

**1. Consider Road Commissioner's Recommendations to Lift the Posting of Town Roads:** Administrator Eiane stated Ronald Ponziani, Road Commissioner, has recommended the posting on all Town Roads be removed after he inspected the roads, including the gravel roads. Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Hawkes to remove all the Town road postings; motion passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed and signed a purchase order request for replacing two culverts on Lower Road.

**2. Executive Session:** Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(C) to meet with the Board's Mitchell Field lease negotiator; motion passed 3-0. The Board talked with Jack Sylvester via telephone.

The Board returned to open session at 9:30 am. Chris Heinig and Tony Barrett, both with Harpswell Oceanic Center (HOC), joined the meeting. Mr. Heinig explained that HOC is a non-profit corporation with a sea based core development vision for seafood production, including educational and a research aspects. HOC's Board is comprised of eight members and its by-laws require members be Harpswell residents. RAS Corporation is for profit with the charge of producing seafood using recirculation air systems (RAS) and has three principals, Chris Heinig, Tap Pryor and Ed Robinson. Mr. Heinig provided an update regarding its funding sources, including grants, and its experimental system. The next step is to establish a pilot plant at the Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research (CCAR) in Franklin, which may allow testing two different species, black sea bass and yellow tail. HOC will be applying for \$250,000 from a cluster initiative program through Maine Technology Institute (MTI) to fund a \$500,000 seawater installation at Mitchell Field. The application will be decided on in early 2013 and proposed installation would be mid 2013.

At 9:50 am, Chairman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(C) to meet with HOC and its Mitchell Field lease negotiator; motion passed 3-0.

At 10:40 am, HOC departed and the Board continued in executive session with its lease negotiator.

At 10:50 am the Board returned to open session and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer  
Deputy Town Administrator