

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017
Harpswell Town Office
Approved May 11, 2017

At 5:00pm, the Board held a workshop regarding 2017 goals and objectives. The Board recessed at 4:50 pm.

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

Selectmen Present: Richard A. Daniel, Kevin E. Johnson and David I. Chipman

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; and Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman, to adopt the agenda as amended by adding hiring of the Harbormaster as 8.5; motion passed 3-0.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Selectmen's Announcements: Selectman Chipman announced last Saturday on John Gilliam Day, volunteers removed 1,560 pounds of trash along the roadside plus four tires. He stated since then he cleaned up several returnables along the road which is disheartening. Selectman Chipman reported the burn at Mitchell Field went quite well. There were several volunteers including three firemen and committee members.

4. Town Administrator's Report: Administrator Eiane announced on Saturday there is a Medication Collection Day at the Town Office from 10am – 2pm. Administrator Eiane reported Maine Municipal reached out to the Town regarding a proposed bill, LD1505 that seeks to prohibit municipalities from regulating pesticides. There is a public hearing in Augusta on Monday and Administrator Eiane suggested she work with the Conservation Commission chair to send a letter to the Committee opposing the bill. The Board agreed.

5. Consent Agenda: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman to approve the consent agenda [April 13 minutes; authorization of warrant 17 in the amount of \$563,281.59 and payroll warrant 17 in the amount of \$19,678.08]; motion passed 3-0.

6. Selection of Banking Institution for Tax Anticipation Note Financing: Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer, reported there were four responses to the Town's request for proposals for tax anticipation note financing. Ms. Kelly recommended the Board accept Bangor Savings Bank's response with an interest rate of 1.14% on an as needed basis as this was the low bid. She noted there are not enough funds in the interest line budgeted to borrow on a lump sum basis. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman to authorize issuance of a tax anticipation note for fiscal year 2017 (motion attached); motion passed 3-0.

7. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Kelly reviewed her report for January – March (attached). Ms. Kelly noted the person interested in resolving the Long Island parcel matter agreed to pay \$1,000 to acquire whatever interest the town may have acquired by virtue of unpaid taxes.

8. Coastal Communities Grant Application: Mary Ann Nahf, Conservation Commission chair, reviewed the request for grant funds for a feasibility study on coastal storms and sea level rise on Basin Point Road. The road has been topped over at the head of Basin Cove and it's a great site to evaluate how it will be affected by the 1-foot sea level rise. Gorrill Palmer will prepare various studies with a cost analysis for each, which can be used for capital road planning purposes. There are five Town roads likely affected by a 1-foot sea level rise, which information can be added to the Town's capital road list. Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to approve the grant application; motion passed 3-0.