

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017
Harpswell Town Office
Approved February 10, 2017

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

Selectmen Present: Richard A. Daniel and Elinor Multer

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

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

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Selectmen's Announcements: Chairman Daniel stated there is a hearing on the proposed new Mt. Ararat High School on February 15 at 6:00pm at the Mt. Ararat Commons and the vote is March 7.

4. Town Administrator's Report: Administrator Eiane reported that 70 people, 29 from Harpswell, attended today's food mobile. This program has been very successful and will continue through the Town's partnership with Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program. Administrator Eiane reported she attended the Legislative Policy Committee today and the group is developing its position regarding the Governor's bills. The positions will not be finalized until the budget is issued. The guiding principles are maintaining educational funding levels and appropriate state payments such as revenue sharing.

5. Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of the Minutes; 2) Authorization of the Warrants: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to authorize warrant 4 in the amount of \$107,570.72 and payroll warrant 4 in the amount of \$19,265.75; motion passed 3-0.

6. Evaluation of Water Tower Foundation: Selectman Multer reported Woodard & Curran, an engineering firm providing services regarding the water tower, has made a recommendation in response to questions about the draft report. One finding in the report is that the foundations of the water tower are questionable with obvious deterioration and the engineer recommends a structural engineer perform further review of the foundations. This review would help determine whether the tower is safe as is for 3-5 years while use options continue to be explored. There are funds available for this study, which will cost \$4,500. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to approve the work; motion passed 2-0.

7. Set Public Hearing for Secret Ballot Items and for Ordinances: Administrator Eiane stated the Board held an emergency meeting yesterday and decided to place the article regarding the Road Commissioner on the floor at Town Meeting. She recommended the Board set February 16 at 6:30pm for the required hearing on the Curtis Memorial Library appropriation. Chairman Daniel so moved, seconded by Selectman Multer; motion passed 2-0. Administrator Eiane recommended the Board hold a hearing on the Harbor & Waterfront Ordinance amendments, Shellfish Ordinance amendments and marijuana moratorium on February 9 at 6:30pm. The Board is not required to hold a hearing on these particular ordinances, but it is good process to do so. Chairman Daniel so moved, seconded by Selectman Multer; motion passed 2-0.

8. Approval of Updated 2016 Carryover List: Deputy Administrator Sawyer stated for clarification purposes, the Mitchell Field waterfront carryover figure is \$17,911. That is the amount the Board previously approved and there was a prior change regarding the grant the Town received but the carryover amount is correct at \$17,911.

9. Public Comment: None.

10. Other Business: Chairman Daniel stated in light of emails he is receiving regarding the upcoming vote on the new high school, he wants to hold a workshop with MSAD 75 to review the costs and invite the State representative. Selectman Multer stated it does not appeal to her to have representatives there and there is a cap on the costs so she does not want to stir that up. Chairman Daniel stated the formula is still not fair and it would help to have a meeting to better understand the details. Selectman Multer agreed and noted that the concerned people contacting Chairman Daniel need to attend. The Board countersigned the MSAD 75 warrant for the March 7 vote on the high school.

11. Administrative Matters: Possible dates for the workshop were discussed.

12. Adjournment: At 6:37 p.m. the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator