

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018
Harpswell Town Office
Approved March 1, 2018

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 and Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator

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

2. Public Comment: Mary Ann Nahf, Conservation Commission Chair, stated the browntail moth nests are in trees and encouraged property owners to clip them if possible. She read a letter from the Commission supporting the Town's proposed funding to have the University of Maine assess the severity of browntail moth in and around Harpswell and evaluate the effectiveness of biorational field treatments for management of browntail moth caterpillars. Selectman Chipman stated he plans to call Harpswell Community School regarding the nests on its grounds. Robert McIntyre encouraged property owners to clip the nests.

3. Selectmen's Announcements: Chairman Daniel thanked the Budget Advisory Committee for its work.

4. Town Administrator's Report: None.

5. Recycling Committee Update and Mission Statement Review: Michael McCabe, retired Recycling Committee Chair, introduced Phil Conner as the new chair. Mr. McCabe reviewed the proposed revised mission statement. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to adopt the mission statement. Administrator Eiane stated typically mission statements are broader but she understands specificity was desired for this advisory committee. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. McCabe reviewed the Committee's past year activities including the lobster gear recovery program, composting program, shredding event, hazardous material collection days, signage, smoke-free campus, and wildflower garden on the landfill cap and the promotion of recycling. Mr. McCabe thanked the Recycling Center Manager and staff for their work and patience.

6. Review of Draft Warrant for Annual Town Meeting: Administrator Eiane explained that the Town Meeting warrant is the municipal officers' [Selectmen] document and any changes, including placement, wording and recommendations are up to the officers. Administrator Eiane reviewed the proposed draft warrant. Ms. Nahf reviewed proposed article 6 – Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to place the article on the warrant; motion passed 3-0. There was a discussion whether the Board wanted anything relating to a moratorium on marijuana on the warrant and it was decided not to. The Board reduced the proposed article 10 by \$22 relating to the Maine Municipal Association fees. Review continued. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to place draft article 25 (browntail moth research) on the warrant; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman to place draft article 27 (\$35,000 appropriation from the Land Acquisition fund for Mackerel Cove) on the warrant; motion passed 3-0. The Board discussed the draft warrant articles relating to the water tower (29 – 31). The Board agreed to remove one of the articles – draft #31 relating to the water tower. Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to place the proposed articles 29 and 30 as modified by the attorney on the warrant and remove the proposed article 31; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman to place draft article 35 on the warrant regarding accepting community development block grants; motion passed 3-0. The Board agreed Harpswell Neck Physical Education and Harpswell Radio Project should be separate articles. Selectman Johnson moved, seconded by Selectman Chipman to place draft article 47 on the warrant regarding expanding the heating assistance program; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Johnson moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to place draft article 49 (multi-year agreement with Harpswell Community Broadcast Corp) on the warrant; motion passed 3-0. The Board agreed the capital funding article should pull out the funding for the marine resources boat (potentially an air boat) and

move it towards the marine patrol article. The Board tentatively agreed to keep the interest rate on abated taxes and the penalty on late tax payments at 6%.

7. Authorization of the Warrants: Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to approve warrant #6 in the amount of \$117,711.74; warrant 6a in the amount of \$1,150; and payroll warrant #5 in the amount of \$15,861.58; motion passed 3-0.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Other Business: None.

10. Administrative Matters: None.

11. Adjournment: At 7:10 p.m. the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments: Recycling Committee Mission Statement