

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2022  
Harpswell Town Office**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Selectmen Present:** Chairman Kevin E. Johnson, Selectman David I. Chipman, Selectman Jane G. Covey

**Staff Present:** Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator and Ron Ponziani, Road Commissioner

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was accepted with the addition of street lights to other business.
2. **Heating Donations**
  - Cook's Lobster & Ale House: Jen and Nick Charboneau of Cook's Lobster and Ale House presented a check to the Town in the amount of \$10,825 from their annual fundraiser for heating assistance.
  - Maine Biofuels: Cook's also donated used cooking oil to Maine Biofuel who in turn donated and delivered \$3,412 of heating oil.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Selectmen's Announcements:** None
5. **Town Administrator's Report:** Administrator Eiane reported that the Town was accepting applications for a School Board representative to be appointed to the vacancy left by the resignation of Alison Hawkes. The Town will also be advertising for per diem firefighters. She also reported that signs have gone up on poles that will have street light changes. A red sign indicates that the street light will be removed and a pink sign indicates that a light will be added.
6. **Consent Agenda:** 1) **Approval of the Minutes** 2) **Authorization of the Warrants.** Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectman Covey to accept the consent agenda. [Minutes 1/27/22 and 2/03/22, warrant #7 in the amount of \$157,420.86, and payroll warrant #6 in the amount of \$20,688.44] Motion passed 3-0.
7. **Road Commissioner Recommendation to Restrict Weight on Certain Town Roads:** Ron Ponziani, Road Commissioner, recommended to the Board that weight restrictions be posted on Town roads beginning February 18, 2022 for gravel roads and February 25, 2022 for paved roads. The restrictions would not apply to emergency vehicles and oil delivery trucks. The restrictions will remain in effect until April 30, 2022 unless the Commissioner lifts them sooner.
8. **Review and Execute Warrant for April 23, 2022 Referendum including 2022 Budget:** Administrator Eiane reminded everyone that due to public health concerns, the Business Meeting portion of the Town Meeting has been moved to April 23, 2022 by secret ballot referendum. The election of one Selectman, the Tax Collector, the Town Clerk, one School Board Representative and one article for the appropriation to Curtis Memorial Library will still take place on March 12, 2022. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office or the polls will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on March, 12, 2022 at Harpswell Community School. The business meeting portion will take place by secret ballot on April 23, 2022. This will include 26 articles which cover the Town budget, ordinance

changes and policy matters. Administrator Eiane went over changes to the warrant which is available on the Town website. She reported that the total budget being proposed is \$6,337,339. Selectman Chipman moved seconded by Selectman Covey to move the proposed warrant to the voters. Motion passed 3-0.

9. **Public Comment:** None
10. **Other Business:** Selectman Chipman reported that there had been some feedback from residents regarding street lights and a request to have the light at Ash Cove Road added to the remove list. He suggested taking one more look at possibly removing a few more lights before finalizing the list. The Board concurred.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Peek  
Recording Secretary