

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 18, 2021
Approved March 25, 2021
Harpswell Town Office
Via Zoom

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

Selectmen Present: Selectman Kevin E. Johnson, Selectman David I. Chipman and Selectperson Jane G. Covey

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator and Treasurer; Arthur Howe, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Administrator; and Mark Eyeran, Planner

Others Present: Greg Thompson, Central Maine Power; Patrick Voit, Central Maine Power; John Facella, Panther Pines Consulting, LLC.

Members of the Board, staff and presenters were participating by Zoom. The meeting was also being broadcast live on Harpswell Community Television and live streamed. The Chair read aloud the procedure for how members of the public could participate; such instructions were also included on the published agenda and on the website.

Election of Select Board Chair: Selectman Chipman moved to appoint Selectman Kevin E. Johnson to serve as the Chairman of the Select Board, seconded by Selectwoman Covey. Motion passed, 3-0.

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was amended to remove 7. Seabird Project on Elm Island and 8. Request for Support of LD101 an Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development.
- 2. Public Comment:** Administrator Eiane stated that the Select Board received a public comment from Gary Vincent via email. George Simonson requested to comment on the LD101 support request, but the item was removed from the agenda. Simonson will comment if the request comes before the Board again.
- 3. Selectmen's Announcements:** Selectman Chipman announced that there is emergency legislation occurring in the State Government to put a 10-year moratorium on development in the Gulf of Maine. Selectman Chipman also read the 6th Amendment to the US Constitution.
- 4. Town Administrator's Report:** Administrator Eiane congratulated Selectman Chipman for his win in the Select Board election. Eiane also thanked Deputy Town Clerk Catherine Doughty for her management of the election, as well as the workers who assisted Doughty. The election had 12 percent voter turnout (537 voters), 55 percent (294 votes) of those votes were absentee. Frank Wright was re-elected to the School Board for a three-year term, starting June 2021. Eiane stated that Harpswell Town roads are currently posted to restrict heavy weighted vehicles. The Town's plans for the capital road project are available at the Town Office and on the Town website. Roads included in the plans are: Grover Lane, Gurnet Landing and the first part of Basin Point. The

proposed borrowing of \$650,000 for this project will be voted on in June. Eiane stated that phase one of the Recycling Center project is out for bid.

- 5. Consent Agenda: 1. Approval of the Minutes; 2. Committee Appointment; 3. Authorization of the Warrants.** Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectwoman Covey, to accept the consent agenda, [minutes from 3/11/21, appointment of Scott Holowach to the Emergency Vehicles Committee; warrant #12 in the amount of \$792,630.05 and payroll warrant #11 in the amount of \$20,978.30]. Motion passed, 3-0.
- 6. Central Maine Power Update:** Administrator Eiane introduced Greg Thompson and Patrick Voit from Central Maine Power (CMP). Thompson updated the Board on the challenges to bring power to Bailey Island by means other than current poles. Thompson also reviewed the proposal to bring three phase power down Mountain Road in 2022, a specific timeline has yet to be established.
- ~~**7. Seabird Project on Elm Island**~~
- ~~**8. Request for Support of LD101 An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development**~~
- 9. Proposed 2021 Ordinance Amendments**
 - **Harbor and Waterfront:** The Board discussed some ‘housekeeping’ amendments that were approved to be included in the warrants.
 - **Land Use:** Planner Eyerman reviewed the proposed 2021 land use ordinance amendments.
- 10. Orr’s Island Communication Tower:** John Facella reviewed the Orr’s Island Communication Tower project, specifically a discussion about adjusting the easement, potential height and other decisions to be made. Facella will continue to gather and assemble information for the Board to consider. Selectman Chipman moved, seconded by Selectwoman Covey, to send out Requests for Proposals for soil sample analysis. Motion passed, 3-0.
- 11. Public Comment:** None.
- 12. Other Business:** None.
- 13. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Matthews
Recording Secretary