

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
**Approved May 25, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

**2. Consider Additional Secret Ballot Item for June 14, 2016:** Chairman Daniel stated in the late 1960's when the Town laid out the landing at Mackerel Cove and paid Evelyn Sinnett damages for her property interest, the Town did not record any instrument at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds. The lack of recording has arguably made the property not recognized as Town land. The descendent of the previous owner exercised his rights believing the land is still his. Mr. Lamont approached the Town indicating he would clear up the title if he was provided an easement to store a boat and some help with obtaining a mooring in Mackerel Cove. Through negotiations, a settlement has been reached and the Board has a draft warrant article to place on the June 14 referendum. Chairman Daniel read the proposed article. The Board agreed the settlement was the best that could be done without putting it to the test of the courts. Chairman Daniel stated he believes the concessions made for a clear title are small in comparison to a long, costly battle. Administrator Eiane indicated the warrant article should indicate the funding source of the \$4,000. The Board discussed it and agreed to use the funds from unassigned fund balance. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to place the warrant article on the June 14 ballot as amended tonight; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to set May 19 at 7:00pm [pending confirmation that the Town Attorney can attend] as a public hearing for this matter and the other warrant article relating to Hamilton Starr; motion passed 3-0. All three Selectmen recommend the article.

Chairman Daniel stated the other warrant article relates to clearing up a property line with Hamilton Starr. During survey work relating to the Lamont matter, it was discovered the Town owns further land into what Mr. Starr believed was his property and on which he has been paying taxes. The Town negotiated keeping a few feet of the land and transferring the balance to Mr. Starr for \$3,000.

Administrator Eiane noted the mooring matter with Mr. Lamont is not part of the settlement – it is outside of it.

The Chair adjourned the meeting with no objection at 7:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer  
Deputy Town Administrator