

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2015**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
**Approved on May 14, 2015**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Selectmen Present:** Richard A. Daniel, Elinor Multer and Kevin E. Johnson

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

The meeting was recorded and broadcast live on Harpswell Community Television and streamed.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to adopt the agenda as amended by adding Consider Process Relating to Hildreth Road Town Landing as 4.5 and Consider Conservation Commission Letter of Support as 3.5; motion passed 3-0.

**2. Consider Grant Application to the Maine Coastal Program:** Darcie Couture, Town Marine Resources Coordinator, asked the Board to consider submitting a grant application to the Coastal Communities Grant Program. The grant would be used to design and implement a comprehensive coastal assessment in Harpswell relating to two main issues – acidification impacts and neoplasia status. She will prepare the package for the Town to submit. Grant awards are up to \$50,000 and require a 25% in-kind match, which Resource Access International and Kennebec River Biosciences will be able to cover. Ms. Couture applied for this grant in the past for both Freeport and Brunswick which assisted each town with its projects. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to approve submitting the grant with the understanding that the final text be submitted to the Town Administrator prior to submission; motion passed 3-0. Administrator Eiane asked if there will be any in-kind included from the Town; Ms. Couture responded that can be discussed.

**3. Accept \$1,000 Grant from New England Grassroots Environmental Fund (NEGREF):** Deputy Administrator Sawyer stated the Board previously approved the submission of several grant applications for the Harpswell Community Garden and all of them have been approved. The NEGREF has awarded \$1,000 for garden supplies. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to accept the award; motion passed 3-0.

**3.5 Consider Conservation Commission Letter of Support:** Administrator Eiane stated Mary Ann Nahf, Conservation Commission chair, reported to the Board at the last meeting that the Town of Arrowsic is submitting a grant to help fund the production of a pamphlet, regarding water quality, similar to the one the Harpswell Conservation Commission developed. Our Commission would like to submit a letter of support for the Arrowsic grant. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to approve the submission of the letter; motion passed 3-0.

**4. Committee Appointments:** Administrator Eiane stated there are two applications for re-appointment to the Bandstand Committee which were not ready last week. Additionally, Mike Bernier, Sr. has applied to be re-appointed to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC). There are currently 7 members on the MRC as the Board appointed two last week. The Town's Shellfish Ordinance has a provision that allows the Board to remove members with three or more unexcused absences. There is one member who has not attended since August of 2014. Selectman Johnson moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to appoint Mike Bernier, Sr. to the Marine Resources Committee and to remove Mr. Cressey, who has not attended a meeting since August 2014; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to appoint Candis Hine and Bryan Foster to the Bandstand Committee; motion passed 3-0. Administrator Eiane stated the paperwork last week listed the appointment terms to the Emergency Vehicles Committee to be until 2018, when typically the appointments for this Committee are for one year. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to change the appointment terms to 2016; motion passed 3-0.

**4.5 Consider Process Relating to Hildreth Road Town Landing:** Administrator Eiane reported there is a house for sale on Hildreth Road that abuts the Town's landing and road access. The site is heavily used by shellfish harvesters and people are known to park on property not owned by the Town. The Town has a sign indicating no parking but it does occur. The prospective buyer of the lot has asked if the Board would consider placing boulders demarcating the property line as a previous Board had considered with the current owner. Selectman Multer suggested checking with the Town Attorney on the legal ramifications. Chairman Daniel and Selectman Johnson agreed.

Deputy Administrator Sawyer stated it was time to send out leases to the owners of wharves located on Town property at the Orr's Island Bridge. She asked if the Board wanted to follow the same procedure regarding the lease pursuant to policy; the Board agreed. Deputy Administrator Sawyer asked if the Board wanted to consider placing an ad in the Discover Maine publication which will be highlighting Mid Coast Maine. 15,000 copies will be distributed from Memorial Day through July. The Board agreed to consider a general attraction ad at its next meeting.

**5. Executive Session:** At 4:27pm, Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Johnson to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c); motion passed 3-0.

At 4:53pm the Board returned to open session. Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to accept the latest offer from Celeste Danforth for the purchase of Lot 73 on Hildreth Road and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the related documents; motion passed 3-0.

**6. Adjournment:** At 4:55 p.m. the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer  
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments:

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