

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021
Harpswell Town Office
Approved June 24, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Others Present: Greg Im, Town Attorney

Members of the Board and staff 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.

Face Covering Policy: Administrator Eiane reported the US Center for Disease Control has changed the guidelines as of May 24 and the State of Maine Governor has agreed. Face coverings are no longer required for fully vaccinated people and are recommended for others. Staff recommends following the State and Federal guidelines. Selectman Chipman so moved, seconded by Selectman Covey; motion passed 3-0. The Board agreed that masks should be worn by anyone who desires.

Consider Adding An Article to the Special Town Meeting Warrant of June 1, 2021 Regarding a Request for Utility Easement under Lookout Point Road: Attorney Greg Im stated the Board delayed its decision on the June 1 special Town Meeting warrant for a possible article regarding a utility line under Lookout Point Road. The applicant had not previously completed the required Street Opening application, but it became clear today that the applicant's request to go under Lookout Point Road would require a Town vote. The applicant's attorney was asked to prepare a legal opinion and draft easement and insufficient information was received. Attorney Im stated the Board could approve an easement in substantially the same form as a previous Abner Point Road easement to be developed by the Town attorney and delegate the finalization to the Town Administrator. The Board agreed to revisit this issue tomorrow at 5:00pm. Chairman Johnson stated he would like to have the applicant pay the Town's attorney fees considering the work the Town attorney has completed on behalf of the applicant. The Board agreed to hold another meeting on this topic tomorrow at 5:00pm.

At 5:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator/ Treasurer