

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 20, 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; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator/Treasurer; Ronald Ponziani, Road Commissioner; and Tim Clark, Code Enforcement Officer

Others Present: Tim Warner, David Tassinari, Karen Renton, and Town Attorney Greg Im

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.

There was a discussion with property owners Tassinari/Renton and their representative Warner about the request and process to place a utility line under Lookout Point Road. Commissioner Ponziani expressed concerns about trenching the road versus boring under the road. He noted if the road is trenched, it will require a patch, tar and another patch. Tassinari noted they have spent a lot of money on this structure replacement and he will work with the neighbors and minimize disruption. Renton stated they want the road in good condition for all who use it. Warner stated the project will not take long and a sign will be erected notifying travelers of the work. The Board discussed the option of trenching or boring. If trenching is approved, the Board discussed conditions such as notifying neighbors and if the repair fails that the applicant must repair it. Administrator Eiane noted the road condition and future repairs is part of the full Street Opening application. Selectman Chipman moved to allow trenching the road and it was seconded by Selectman Covey. Chairman Johnson stated he wanted the applicant to reimburse the Town for at least half of its legal fees for this situation. Administrator Eiane stated the estimated legal fees are \$1,600. Based on the estimate, Tassinari agreed to reimburse the Town half of the costs. Selectman Chipman amended his motion to include Tassinari to reimburse the Town for half its legal fees and Selectman Covey seconded the amendment. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Chipman moved to approve the supplementary warrant to the June 1 warrant with this utility easement article. The motion was seconded by Selectman Covey and it passed 3-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator/ Treasurer