

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014
Harpswell Town Office
Approved on July 10, 2014

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; and Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

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 under Other Business: Set Public Hearing for Robinhood Road Parking Ordinance and Consider Bowdoin College Pool Contract; motion passed 3-0.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Town Administrator's Report: Administrator Eiane reported she was invited, as a community member, to attend a Charter School Commission meeting at Harpswell Coastal Academy. She spoke about how the Town and HCA entered into a lease for use of the property and that the parties are working on a new lease or sale of the property. The meeting was part of the Charter Commission's five-year evaluation process. She stated she was impressed by what she heard from parents, administrators and community partners.

Administrator Eiane announced this Saturday and Sunday is the 5th Annual Hiking Challenge, sponsored by the Town and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. There are eight trails and the first 100 who participate and check in at the Town Office station will receive a free t-shirt. Administrator Eiane reported that she and Chairman Daniel met with Toilef Olson, owner of Ocean Approved, at Mitchell Field last Friday. The company harvests kelp on an increasing scale and markets products. This was the first time he had seen Mitchell Field and there was no expression of interest beyond the site visit. Mr. Olson was referred to Harbormaster Jim Hays to discuss aquaculture. Administrator Eiane stated the Road Commissioner would like to announce that the paving on certain Town roads (Shore Acre, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf and Long Point) is complete and Crooker will be completing the edging and tying in driveways soon. She reminded the public to vote June 10 on MSAD 75 budget referendum, local article to appropriate funds for a Cedar Beach/Robinhood Beach monitor and signs, and a State primary. Selectman Multer stated if there is a way to promote additional interest from Mr. Olson: the Town should find out what it can do to make the site attractive. Chairman Daniel noted the cutting and packaging of the kelp uses intensive amounts of clean water. Administrator Eiane stated Mr. Olson understood the Town was receptive and open to the possibility of this activity in its water, at Mitchell Field or elsewhere. The Board agreed. Chairman Daniel and Administrator Eiane will further discuss the topic with Jim Hays for follow up.

4. Selectmen's Announcements: None.

5. Consent Agenda: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to approve the consent agenda [donations for the bandstand fund: Evelyn and JP Bolduc \$400; Bob and Chris Millar \$100; Pete and Marcia Blue \$25; Dolphin Marine Restaurant \$100; Karen McElwey \$100; Carol and Bob Davis \$50; Lynda Dehaan \$100; Mr. & Mrs. John Kellogg \$50; Dot & Phil Dyer \$50; Lee Auto Mall \$100; Charles & Louise Huntington \$50; accepted John Chiquoine's resignation from the Board of Appeals; warrant #25 \$86,843 and payroll warrant #25 \$15,012.51]; motion passed 3-0.

6. Treasurer's Report: Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer, reviewed her monthly report for May (attached).

7. Consider Authorizing Treasurer to Issue Request for Proposals for Capital Road Project Borrowing:

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer, stated the Town has close to \$700,000 in the capital road reserve and Town Meeting authorized borrowing up to \$600,000 for the fund. The \$1.294 million is sufficient to pay the remaining obligations relating to the 2013 projects and for the planned 2014 project. With the Board's approval to proceed with Crooker's proposal, the need for the borrowing has been advanced. The Town usually participates in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank's process; however, the timing of its Fall issue does not work with the project schedule. The Town could issue a bond anticipation note but it seems to be cleaner to go to local banks for the \$600,000 borrowing. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to authorize the Treasurer to issue requests for proposals for the borrowing; motion passed 3-0.

8. Consider Proposal for Maintenance of the Upper Field at Mitchell Field: Administrator Eiane stated David Chipman, member of the Mitchell Field Committee (MFC), has submitted a proposal for maintenance of the upper field to prevent overgrowth. The MFC chair, Rob Roark, indicated the Committee had been aware of the haying aspect but not about the possibility of pasturing of animals. Selectman Johnson stated he spoke with Jim Cornish, who is interested in pasturing horses on the field, and he has insurance and will install the fencing and help eliminate the invasive growth. Chairman Daniel stated he also spoke with Mr. Cornish and noted he has hayed here before but has not pastured animals previously. Chairman Daniel expressed concern that the MFC is not fully in favor. Mr. Cornish has not spoken with the Committee himself. Mary Ann Nahf stated it is an interesting proposal for livestock and asked if the area would once again be able to be hayed in the future. Selectman Johnson responded affirmatively noting Mr. Cornish intends a seed- to- loaf program with Harpswell Coastal Academy. Both Chairman Daniel and Selectman Johnson stated a shelter is not needed. Chairman Daniel suggested sending the topic back to the MFC for its review and an opportunity to detail its concerns prior to the Board's June 19 meeting. The Board agreed.

9. Consider Accepting Cumberland County Block Grant Funds and Execute Agreement: Administrator Eiane states the Town applied to the County for \$3,500 in block grant funds for support of the Emergency Medical Services Workgroup. The application was approved for \$3,100 and the Town will provide a \$2,500 match. The Workgroup's report will be available by the end of June and the Board can consider how it wants to continue long-term planning over the next year. Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to accept the funds and sign the agreement; motion passed 3-0.

10. Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Conservation Closure of Strawberry Creek: Administrator Eiane reported the Town applied to the Department of Marine Resources to participate in the predator control pilot program. The plan includes closing Strawberry Creek and implements a specific green crab trapping program and associated ribbon worm removal. Administrator Eiane suggested setting June 19 at 7:00 pm as the public hearing. Darcie Couture, Town Marine Resources Consultant, will attend the meeting and has worked with the Marine Resources chair on this project. The Town has sent letters to commercial and recreational shellfish harvesters to solicit volunteers to haul green crab traps and help collect data in certain areas. Selectman Multer stated the Shellfish Ordinance lists a number of things for the Committee to do for a closure and she wants members to attend the hearing.

11. Other Business: Set Public Hearing for Robinhood Road Parking Ordinance: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to set June 19 at 7:30 pm as public hearing on amendments to the Robinhood Road Parking Ordinance; motion passed 3-0.

Consider Bowdoin College Pool Contract: Chairman Daniel moved, seconded by Selectman Multer to approve the contract with Bowdoin College for use of the pool for summer swim; motion passed 3-0.

Other Matters: Selectman Multer moved, seconded by Chairman Daniel to approve warrant 25a for \$650 for the purchase of 10 green crab traps; motion passed 3-0. Administrator Eiane reviewed three purchase orders [\$1,720 to remove a culvert on Basin Point, \$4,106 to add a culvert on Basin Point, \$3,069 to restore an artwork piece] that the Board approved.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Administrative Matters: None.

14. Adjournment: At 6:50 p.m. the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer
Deputy Town Administrator

Attachments: Treasurer's Report

[Attachments are available at the Town Clerk's Office or by email at harpwell@town.harpwell.me.us]