Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2017

The Board of Selectmen held a Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Island Hall beginning at 5:30 PM in Executive Session and a Regular Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM.

I. Call Meeting to Order
Chairman Pete Pellerin called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
Selectmen Present: Nelson “Dave” Stevens, John “Jay” Corson, Pete Pellerin and Jean Louis “Bo” Beaupré
Selectman Absent: David Hill

II. Executive Session
The Board of Selectmen will hold an Executive Session to discuss pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) a personnel matter regarding the Town Administrator’s contract.
Motion: Moved by Pete Pellerin and seconded by Jay Corson to enter Executive Session for the purpose referenced above at 5:30 PM
Vote: 4-0 (David Hill absent); Motion Carried

Motion: Moved by Pete Pellerin and seconded by Bo Beaupré to exit Executive Session 5:50 PM
Vote: 4-0 (David Hill absent); Motion Carried

III. Call Public Meeting to Order
Chairman Pete Pellerin called the public meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Selectmen Present: Nelson “Dave” Stevens, John “Jay” Corson, Pete Pellerin and Jean Louis “Bo” Beaupré. (David Hill arrived at 6:55.)

IV. Public Comment none

V. Reports (See packet)
   Town Administrator
   Town Treasurer
   Code Enforcement Officer
   Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden
   Public Works Department (no report)
VI. Regular Business

17-110 Action from Executive Session
To take any action required by the Executive Session

**Motion:** Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Pete Pellerin to approve the employment agreement with Marjorie Stratton as it appears before us with one amendment to item 2(j) changing three (3) weeks of vacation to four (4) weeks of vacation.

**Vote:** 4-0 (David Hill, late); Motion Carried

17-111 Health Care Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee
To hear a report from the Health Care Advisory Committee
- Deb Hall presented the Advisory Committee’s report.
- Discussion re: more advertising to let folks know what services are available.
  - Advertise during fundraising events
  - Print the Calendar in color (additional $1000 per year)
- Chebeague Island Council’s participation in an Advisory Group representing Long, Cliff, Peaks and Chebeague Islands. The Group is assessing the unique health care needs of the Casco Bay Islanders and how to work together to maximize our resources. A fellow provided by the Muskie Institute is facilitating the Group.

17-112 Appoint a Committee Member
- Alex Todd for Coastal Waters Commission to finish a term ending 2019

**Motion:** Moved by Bo Beaupré and seconded by Dave Stevens to appoint Alex Todd to the Coastal Waters Commission to finish a term ending in 2019.

**Vote:** 4-0 (David Hill, late); Motion Carried

17-113 Wharfing-Out Permit: Item tabled until after the appeals period.
Consider a wharfing-out permit for the Cox-Chapman Pier Application

Next two items taken out of order:

17-115 Kim Boehm’s letter re: emergency vehicle lane at Stone Pier
Item tabled to a future meeting when Kim can attend.

17-116 Personal Property Tax – Michael Porter
Michael closed his business in 2011.
**Motion:** Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Pete Pellerin to abate the personal property taxes for the years 2013 and 2014, including any accumulated interest.

**Vote:** 4-0 (David Hill, late); Motion Carried

17-114 Letter from Attorney Scott Anderson regarding Bennett’s Cove

Pete read the summary of the letter and opened the discussion.

Concerns:

- Diesel fuel, used by barged trucks, contains carcinogens.
- Suggestion to “stage barging” on South Road
- Bennett’s Cove Beach has been open since at least the 1970’s and needs to remain open.
- Fear that if barging is stopped at Bennett’s, fishermen will be chased out
- Who decides where the barge will land? Usually the barge captain.
- Town could make rules to regulate use, such as hours of operation
- Any such rules should apply to all locations not just one.
- Why does the Town need an all-tide ramp? More efficient access for truckers, contractors, captains. Also, availability of barge service in an emergency
- Has the Town put out an RFP for different barge services? Marjorie tried to get other barge service when she first arrived three years ago; not successfully.
- Do any members of the Board of Selectmen have a conflict of interest regarding barging issues? Most people on the island could be said to have a conflict of interest, as most people have benefited from materials delivered by this barge service.
- Materials “dumped” by the Town:
  - Town should take action to clean up its mess.
  - Materials were sharp rocks which are spreading across the beach making it dangerous to walk or work there
- People should take into account what is already there and the fact that neighbors don’t want a road through their kitchens

David Hill arrived at this point, 6:55 PM.

- If we can’t get our trash off of here by barge, we’ll be in a terrible mess.
- References to the lobster report attached as an appendix to the letter
- How will the Town respond to the letter?
  - The current discussion is part of the Town’s response.
  - The Town gets the message.
  - Materials were sharp rocks which are spreading across the beach making it dangerous to walk or work there
  - A paper response was strongly requested. Also wants an outline of what is to done and when it will be completed
• Coley’s response to the Scott Anderson letter was read aloud. (See packet.)
• Suggestion to not put more money into Bennett’s if Bennett’s will not be the final solution.
• Is it possible to remove the sharp stones? Need DEP permission?
• Suggestion to enact a barging policy, including how many barge landings per day.
• Suggestion to get all the stakeholders in one room with the goal of finding what actions can be taken with the least impact on fishermen and neighbors.
• Coley could provide number of trips and he could extend his barge ramps.
• Suggestion that Board of Selectmen and Coastal Waters Commission have a joint meeting, open to the public of course.
• To take a holistic approach, suggestion to extend the scope of the work now being undertaken by Collins Engineering at the Stone Wharf to include recommendations for Sunset and Bennett’s with the result that all the recommendations would be made by one team.
• Concerns about pedestrian safety and golf cart safety.
• Suggestion to provide a single sheet for barge captains to give to truck drivers, perhaps with a map and stating the speed limit.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen on May 24th will start with a workshop for all stakeholders to discuss immediate answers. Coley and Casco Bay Lines will be invited to attend.

VII. Communications
Letter from Scott Anderson re: Capps Road drainage: will be added to the March 24th agenda.

VIII. Review and approve prior meeting minutes
Motion: Moved by Dave Stephens and seconded by David Hill to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting.

Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried

IX. Approval of Expense Warrant(s)
Motion: Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Bo Beaupré to approve warrant #52 in the amount of $40,423.66.

Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried

X. Other Business
Town’s Tenth Anniversary
Motion: Moved by David Hill and seconded by Bo Beaupré to authorize Pete to sign a contract with CMPyrotechnics for a fireworks display on July 1st; raindate is July 2nd.
Proposed Policy
Jay presented a draft policy regarding the process for getting an item on a Board of Selectmen’s agenda. This policy will be discussed at the next Board meeting. (See packet)

XI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion: Moved by Jay Corson and seconded by Pete Pellerin to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria J. Brown
Town Clerk