

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2005**

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call To Order

The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Facility on Wednesday, August 3, 2005 to conduct town affairs. Vice-Chairman Scott Gove called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Scott Gove, William Earle, Walter Hilton and Joshua Pinkham. Absent was Richard McLean. Staff present was Treasurer/Tax Collector Janice Miller. Others present were Mary Bowers, GSBSD Superintendent, Julie Clark (LCTV) and one representative of the media.

III. Public Hearings

1. Liquor License and Entertainment License Renewal Applications for Damariscotta River Grill, 155 Main Street.

Vice-Chairman Gove opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. There was no public discussion. Pinkham asked if there was anyone present representing the Damariscotta River Grill. There was not, Vice-Chair Gove stated that their presence, while suggested, was not a requirement.

Gove closed the hearing at 6:32 p.m.

On motion of Earle/Pinkham, the Board VOTED: To approve the Liquor License and Entertainment License applications of the Damariscotta River Grill (Vote: 4 – 0).

IV. Communications – None

V. Official Action

1. Act on Easement from Inhabitants of Town of Damariscotta to Mark Hagar for Pumping Station on Biscay Road.

Discussion followed with Mary Bowers of the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District giving a brief overview of the history of this Easement. Questions followed from several Selectman as to the financial impact to Mr. Hagar. Vice-Chair Gove, stated that since Mr. Hagar was the one who took the initial chance on extending the sewer line, he should be entitled to any financial gain he may make.

On motion of Hilton/Earle, the Board VOTED: To sign the Easement as previously approved by a Town Meeting vote (Vote: 4 – 0).

2. Act on Ballot for 2006 MMA Executive Committee Officers.

Discussion as to the fact that there are no contested seats on the Ballot.

On motion of Earle/Hilton, the Board VOTED: To approve the Ballot for the 2006 MMA Executive Officers as submitted (Vote: 4 – 0).

VI. Town Manager's Discussion

1. Revaluation Update.

Gove read Town Manager Post's update (attached). Discussion followed. Selectman Pinkham read a portion of the revaluation contract, which references completing hearings in May and June.

Gove suggested that the next check scheduled to go Van Tuinen be held until completion of the project. Selectman Pinkham, stated that he would like to see Mr. VanTuinen here at the next meeting.

2. Resignation of Assessing Clerk.

The Board wished Susan Lombardo well in her future endeavors.

VII. Consent Calendar

1. **Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2005.**

On motion of Hilton/Pinkham, the Board VOTED: To approve the minutes of July 20, 2005 as submitted (Vote: 4 – 0).

2. **Financial Reports:**

- a. Payroll Warrant #6.

On motion of Hilton/Earle, the Board VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #5 as submitted (Vote: 4 – 0).

- b. General Fund Warrant #7

On motion of Pinkham/Hilton, the Board VOTED: To approve the General Fund Warrant #7 less the \$23,468.77 requested to pay Van Tuinen (Vote: 4 – 0).

VIII. Other Business

1. Selectman Pinkham asked how the Title Search on the Church Street Property is going. Janice Miller stated that to her knowledge, the search was still in progress.
2. Selectman Pinkham asked where we are on the replacement windows and the removal of graffiti from the back wall of the School Street Property.
3. Selectman Pinkham requested an expense report for the fiscal year end of 2005.
4. Selectman Earle stated that he would be Augusta all day on Friday the 5th. He will present information on the circuit breaker program next meeting.
5. Selectman Gove suggested that the agenda be changed so that pending matters are addressed first.

On Motion of Gove/Pinkham, the Board VOTED: To change the Selectmen Meeting Agenda so as to address all pending matters first in all future meetings. (Vote: 4 – 0).

6. Janice Miller brought a request to the Board from Road Commissioner Terry Sutherburg. He requested that a Mileage Meter be authorized for purchase from the discretionary fund. Purpose is so that all needed measuring may be more accurate and may be done from the safety of the truck.

**On motion of Earle/Hilton, the Board VOTED: To authorize the purchase of the requested mileage meter, with one-half of the cost from the Contingency Account and one-half of the cost from the Highway Department budget.
(Vote: 4-0)**

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment.

On motion of Hilton/Earle, the Board VOTED: To adjourn at 7:04 p.m. (Vote: 4 – 0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice L. Miller, Treasurer/Tax Collector