

**Town of Damariscotta
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

The Board of Selectmen met on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, members present were Robin Mayer, Ronn Orenstein, George Parker, Jim Cosgrove and Mark Hagar. Staff present was Town Manager-Matt Lutkus, and Deputy Clerk- Cheryl Pinkham, Road Commissioner-Hugh Priebe, and Police Chief-Ron Young. Others present were residents Karen O'Bryan, Pat Lorraine Faherty, Haas Toby, George Betke, Bruce & Susan Rockwood, Business owner Todd Mauer, and LCN reporter Maia Zewert.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Hearings-

1. Proposed Bond Issue for Capital Projects & Equipment-

The public meeting was opened at 5:30p.m.

Lutkus explained there would be a total of \$533,500 in Bonds to support equipment purchase for the highway department as well as funds to tackle some Capital Improvement projects such as the Elm Street sidewalk and drainage project. Lutkus noted that the town has attempted to secure Federal funds through grants, however Damariscotta is not considered a high enough priority on their criteria list. \$350,000 of the bond will cover the new sidewalk and drainage on Elm St. If approved the project will be scheduled to start in the spring time and complete in early summer. A portion of the bond will also be used as a local match to for Egypt Rd and repairing a sink hole before the problem becomes a much larger one. This will also include \$60,000 to put towards the public restroom as well as funds to purchase a tractor (which will be offset by trading in the John Deere tractor). Lutkus explained a portion of the Bonds will be purchased as tax exempt with an interest rate of 1.74% and a portion will be taxable with the interest rate at 2.3%.

Betke believed the 4 responding invitation were local and a sign of respect for the town and the way it's managed and run. With the interest rates, it would seem irresponsible to not take advantage.

Lutkus read an email from John Roberts opposing the Bonds, as this is why the capital improvement plan is in place. Taking out a bond or bonds should only be used for unforeseen or larger expenditures and does not feel these items discussed fit the criteria of unforeseen. The Capital Improvement Plan is in place for budgeting. Roberts is concerned with the availability down the road for fire equipment.

Lutkus added that the town is currently putting away a substantial amount towards fire equipment and if we continue to fund through capital improvement, we should be in good shape.

Mayer pointed out that if we continue to fund for the above referenced projects, the road and sidewalk would diminish substantially, and questioned how long it would take to fund the project with a cost of \$350,000.

The public hearing was closed at 5:47p.m.

2. Liquor and Entertainment License for the Penalty Box-

The public hearing was opened at 5:48p.m and there were no public comments and the public hearing closed at 5:49p.m.

III. Call to Order-Mayer opened the meeting at 5:49p.m.

IV. Action on Public Hearing Agenda Items-

1. Liquor & Entertainment licenses for the Penalty Box

On motion of Hagar/Orenstein moved to approve Liquor & Entertainment license for the Penalty Box. **Vote 5, 0, 0**

V. Minutes

1. October 19 Meeting

On motion of Parker/Mayer moved to approve October 19th minutes as submitted, **Vote 4, 0, 1**

(Hagar abstained as he was not at the 10/19 mtg)

VI. Financial Reports

1. Payroll Warrant #20

On motion of Mayer/Orenstein moved to approve PW#20. **Vote 5, 0, 0**

2. Accounts Payable Warrants #21 & #22

On motion of Mayer/Orenstein moved to approve AP#21 **Vote 5, 0, 0**

On motion of Parker/Mayer moved to approve AP#22 **Vote 5, 0, 0**

VII. Presentations-None

VIII. Citizen Comments & General Correspondence-

Lutkus informed the BOS of a letter received from the Central Lincoln County YMCA stating they would not be requesting funding this year and they are fund raising with different avenues.

Lutkus announced the Town received a congratulations letter from Camden National Bank for paying the final payment of the Town's consolidation loan.

Lutkus noted the Town received notification from LC EMA that we are in que for a generator and will need to discuss what the next steps may be.

Lutkus has received information for different agencies who may be able to assist with homeowners and small businesses who are dealing with dry wells.

Lutkus received an invitation for a DOT transit workshop for Nov. 14th in Belfast.

IX. Town Manager Items:

1. Reminder on Limited Town Offices Services on Nov. 8th-

Lutkus reminded the BOS that the Town Offices would not be open for regular business on Election Day to allow the staff to concentrate solely on Election day duties.

2. Office Closure on Nov 11th for Veterans Day-

Lutkus stated the office would be closed Friday, Nov 11th to honor of Veterans Day.

3. Thanksgiving Eve Closure

Lutkus asked the BOS for permission to flip office hours on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to be open from 9am-2pm instead of 1pm-6pm again this year. There were no motions for this, just agreement to flip flop hours.

X. Official Action Items-

1. Bond Issue Proposals--

On motion of Cosgrove/Mayer moved that contingent on approval at the Special Town Meeting on Nov 16th, to approve loan with The First for \$120,000 taxable bond, and to approve loan with Damariscotta Bank & Trust for \$413,500.

Vote 5, 0, 0

2. Special Town Meeting Warrant-

On motion of Mayer/Orenstein moved to approve Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 16th at 5:30p.m.

Vote 5, 0, 0

3. Memorandum of Understanding regarding Police Use of Narcan to Treat Opiate Overdose-

Chief Young stated he and Damariscotta Police Officers have had the necessary training. Parker questioned if there was a difference from someone needing Narcan or someone suffering another medical condition; can you harm someone using Narcan. Chief Young stated no, not harmful.

4. Cemetery and Perpetual Care Agreement with Anne Chow Bates-

Lutkus explained that since these deeds are land deeds, we need to have the BOS approval, unless there is an ordinance established that authorizes another to approve deeds. (Response is to a question a previous meeting)

XI. Selectmen's Discussion Items-

Hagar thanked the PD for the safety study they assisted with at the Great Salt Bay School. Hagar would like some rough ideas of what it costs for the Town to be a service center.

Mayer suggested the BOS discuss the possibility of a moratorium for the marijuana referendum. Feels it's a good idea to have a 6 month moratorium which will allow the Town and BOS to get their ducks in a row. From what Mayer is hearing and reading from Maine Municipal Association, if this passes then there will be a 30 day holding period, and a 90 day holding period for the Dept of Agriculture so they can get their rules and regulations, so we don't need to do the moratorium tonight, but will allow us to

Cosgrove offered with our being a service center, if you look at the peninsula & look at where they can consume alcohol, for the most part it's here in Damariscotta and logically a place to consume marijuana would like to also a study to create revenue for town, local tax permit fee? Look at this as an opportunity and set permit fees. If it's coming, then it's coming, look this could be a source of revenue.


Mayer suggested having this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

XII. Adjournment-

On motion of Parker/Hagar moved to adjourn meeting at 6:31.m.

Vote 4, 0, 0

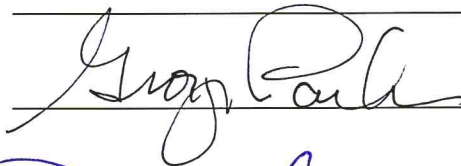
Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl M. Pinkham, Deputy Clerk

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve as written, or with corrections as noted, the minutes of the above-designated Board of Selectmen meeting.



Roberta Mayer



Ronn Orenstein



George Parker



James Cosgrove



Mark Hagar

Town of Damariscotta, Board of Selectmen, Signed this date _____