

**Town of Damariscotta  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2016, 5:30 p.m.  
Damariscotta Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen met on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Members present were George Parker, Ronn Orenstein, James Cosgrove, Mark Hagar-Robin Mayer was absent (excused). Staff present were: Matt Lutkus; Town Manager, Michelle Cameron; Town Clerk, John Roberts; Fire Department Chief. Others present were Karen O'Bryan, Gina Hamilton; Wiscasset Newspaper, Maia Zewert; Lincoln County News.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Special Town Meeting**
- III. Public Hearings:** None
- IV. Call to Order:** G. Parker opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
- V. Action on Public Hearing Agenda Items:** None
- VI. Minutes:**
  - 1. November 2 Meeting: Tabled
- VII. Financial**
  - 1. Payroll Warrant #23: **On motion Orenstein/Parker moved to approve PY Wrnt#23. Vote 4-0**
  - 2. Accounts Payable Warrant #24: **On motion Orenstein/Parker moved to approve AP Wrnt# 24. Vote 4-0**
- VIII. Presentations:**
  - 1. **Friends of Colonial Pemaquid (FOCP):** Don Loprieno and Barry Masterson stated that the FOCP wants to market Colonial Pemaquid as a destination and create a 17<sup>th</sup> century fishing village that showcases Fort William Henry. Barry said that they want to hire local people. Currently the State runs the site and Don explained the red tape they were running in to with the State of Maine. Barry said that the FOCP would start with a three year lease if they can get State approval. Don and Barry asked if the Board would be willing to write a letter of support to Governor Lepage.
- IX. Citizen Comments and General Correspondence:** Kate Munroe from Healthy Lincoln County introduced herself and said that they were interested in whether the Board would enact an ordinance regarding the legalizing of Marijuana that was voted on November 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Healthy LC had a lot of resources should the town want any.  
Parker said that since there was possibly going to be a recount on Question 1 (Legalizing Marijuana) he felt the Board should wait to discuss it. Board agreed to wait and see what the results of the recount are.
- X. Town Manager Items:**
  - 1. **Damariscotta Election Results:** Lutkus stated that the town had a great voter turnout and that the staff wanted to thank the Board for allowing the town office to be closed on Election Day. Michelle Cameron said that it made all the difference on how smooth the election went due to how busy it was regarding voter registrations.
  - 2. **Review of Moratorium Process As It Relates to Recreational Marijuana Initiative:** Board stated that there was no point in having a discussion until the results of the recount were in. Lutkus said that the opinion from Maine Municipal Association legal department is that there will be a "holding period" of about 4 months for the Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry, and Conservation to complete their rule making.
  - 3. Lutkus reminded the board that the town office holiday hours were the following: Wednesday 11/23 9-2 and closed for 11/24 & 11/25.

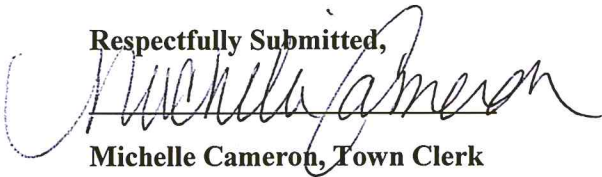
**XI. Official Action Items:**

1. **Reallocation of Cemetery Carry Forward Funds:** Lutkus explained that due to a fortunate set of circumstances whereby a software developer provided the needed services at a very favorable rate, the \$500 does not need to be used for software. On the other hand, there is a significant backlog in the in the list of gravestones that are in need of repair. The Committee is therefore asking that the \$500 that was previously allocated to computer software be reallocated to help address the need for cemetery stone repairs in the three Town-owned cemeteries. **On motion Orenstein/Cosgrove moved to approve the reallocation of \$500 in FY 2016 carry-forward that was previously designated for use for Cemetery computer software to be used for gravestone repair services. Vote 4-0**
2. **Fire Department Grant Applications:** Fire Chief John Roberts explained the process for grants. Roberts said that he feels that the Fire Department has a good case and narrative. He stated that he wasn't sure if they will make it through the electronic score. The grant would provide 90% funding. The town would have to fund 10%. **On motion Orenstein/Hagar move to authorize the Fire Department to submit two grant applications for the FEMA AFG Award Program. Vote 4-0**

**XII. Selectmen's Discussion Items:** M. Hagar mentioned the condition of Back Meadow Road and suggested that Hugh, the Road Commissioner, take a look at it.

**XIII. Adjournment:** On motion Orenstein/Cosgrove moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Vote 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Cameron, Town Clerk

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

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Robin Mayer

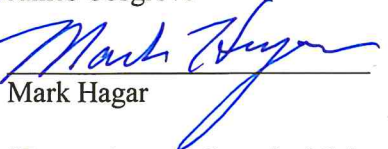
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Mark Hagar

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Signed this date 12/7/16