

**Town of Damariscotta
Board of Selectmen's Meeting & Budget Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

The Board of Selectmen met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, members present were Robin Mayer, Ronn Orenstein, Mark Hagar, Amy Leshure, and Louis Abbotoni. Staff present was Deputy Clerk- Cheryl Pinkham, others present were residents Chris Roberts, and Ann Jackson, LCN reporter Jessica Picard.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order

Mayer called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

III. Minutes

1. April 4 meeting

On motion of Orenstein/Abbotoni moved to approve April 4th minutes as presented.

Vote 5, 0, 0

IV. Financial Reports

1. Payroll Warrant #50

On motion of Mayer/Abbotoni moved to approve PW#50.

Vote 5, 0, 0

2. Accounts Payable Warrants #51

On motion Orenstein/Abbotoni moved to approve AP#51.

Vote 5, 0, 0

3. Accounts Payable Warrant #52

On motion of Mayer/Abbotoni moved to approve AP#52.

Vote 4, 0 1

(Hagar

abstained)

V. Presentations-

1. **Bristol Road Community Association-Robert Piper, President-Postponed until 5/16**

VI. Citizen Comments & General Correspondence-

VII. Town Manager Items:

1. **Nomination papers turned in for BOS, School Board, GSB Sanitary District Trustee**
Mayer stated nomination papers were filed for the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, and the Great Salt Bay Sanitary trustee member and ready for June election on June 12th.

2. **Petitions from Provider Agencies & Citizens initiative-**

Pinkham stated the verification of petitions has not been finalized and will have totals from the Town Clerk for the next meeting.

VIII. Official Action Items-

1. **Secondary Schools Special Town Meeting Warrant-**

Mayer reminded the BOS that Town Manager Lutkus had sent out the warrant previously; adding that there is a slight decrease in the Great Salt Bay budget.

On motion of Abbotoni/Orenstein moved to accept the Secondary & Adult Education Warrant as presented.

Vote 5, 0, 0

2. Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Friends Meeting-

On motion of Abbotoni/Hagar moved to accept the payment in lieu of taxes from the Friends Meeting.

Vote 5, 0, 0

Mayer expressed gratitude for the payment, stating they are a non-profit exempt organization that is not required to pay and the Town appreciates their contribution.

3. Purchase/Sale agreement with Dana & Eileen Miller.

Pinkham noted we have not received the agreement from the attorney's office but will contact them in the morning. Suggested tabling this item until the next meeting.

On motion of Mayer/Abbotoni moved to table the purchase/sale agreement until May 2nd meeting.

Mayer is concerned with the timing and questions if this could be problematic with scheduling.

Pinkham said she would contact the attorney's office in the morning and the BOS may need to call an emergency meeting to act on this agreement.

Vote 5, 0, 0

4. Appointment of Jim Drum to Route 129/130 MMCMP Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mayer/Leshure moved to appoint Jim Drum to the MMCMP committee and thank him for agreeing to serve.

Vote 5, 0, 0

IX. Selectmen's Discussion Items-

Hagar's been watching the State deal with the marijuana issue, feels it's a typical state government run, tax 20%, keep the majority of it and no municipality will receive a share of the revenue, other than.

Mayer suggested contacting our state representatives and voice our concerns.

Hagar has done that, but at this point it's already in the state's hands. They've (State) already reduced the revenue sharing and that keeps reducing, which leaves Town's still losing.

Mayer felt we could possibly work with the resource center organization association to put together a 'platform' to increase revenue sharing through any number of means.

Hagar agreed that would be good, believes there are some lobbyist who could offer help.

Orenstein encourages the BOS to review the Planning Board video's on LCTV in order to assist in our decisions that will be coming up.

Mayer added that she and Lutkus have been working to have a training specifically to Damariscotta Boards and Ordinances, the Comp plan, roles & responsibilities of each Board. The goal is to smooth out the difficulties. One Planning Board member will be resigning at the end of June.

Abbotoni stated the head of the Water Company (Great Salt Bay Sanitary District) is in Washington DC meeting with Senator Collins and the legislature to see what can be done.

X. Adjournment-

On motion of Orenstein/Abbotoni moved to adjourn meeting at 5:45p.m.

Vote 5, 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

Roberta
Mayer

Ronn Orenstein

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Mark Hagar

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Amy Leshure

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Louis F. Abbotoni

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Town of Damariscotta, Board of Selectmen, Signed this date 5/16/18