



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tremont Town Office
Harvey Kelley Meeting Room
6:00 p.m. ~ TUESDAY, September 2, 2014

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Katharine Thurston at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Selectmen chair Katharine Thurston, Selectman Chris Eaton, Selectman Dean Wass, Selectman Stewart Murphy, Town Manager Dana Reed, recording secretary Lynn Wehrfritz, reporter Mark Good, Fire Chief Keith Higgins, Harbor Master Greg Dow and Mel Atherton.
 - A. **Excused Absences:** A motion was made by Chris Eaton and seconded by Dean Wass to excuse Bobby Lee from Selectmen's meetings until he is healthy enough to attend. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** No changes were made to the draft agenda.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **August 18, 2014**

A motion was made by Chris Eaton and seconded by Dean Wass to approve the minutes of August 18, 2014. The motion passed: 3 yes and 1 abstained (Stewart Murphy).
 - B. **August 20, 2014**

A motion was made by Chris Eaton seconded by Dean Wass to approve the minutes of August 20, 2014. The motion passed: 3 yes and 1 abstained (Stewart Murphy).
5. **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

Warrant # 19	\$8,476.17
Warrant #20	\$25,454.23
Warrant #21	\$8,381.22

A motion was made by Chris Eaton and seconded by Dean Wass to approve Warrants #19-#21. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** *Appointments to fill expiring terms on Town boards and committees:*

A. Harbor Committee:

The Chair requested a vote be taken verbally. She went on to explain that five candidates were interested in the four open seats, since David Schlaefer voiced an interest today, so she asked each selectman to vote for four candidates. She also announced that she was recusing herself from this vote, due to a possible perception of bias, since her son worked for Mr. Schlaefer for 14 years and built a boat with him last winter. She then called for selectmen's votes, which were cast as follows:

Chris Eaton voted for Art Paine, Scott Harper, Jon Crossman and Mike Ryan.

Dean Wass voted for Art Paine, Scott Harper, Jon Crossman and David Schlaefer.

Stewart Murphy voted for Art Paine, Scott Harper, Jon Crossman and David Schlaefer.

The four candidates receiving the required three vote majority were Art Paine, Scott Harper, Jon Crossman and David Schlaefer.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. General Policies of the Board of Selectmen:

- i. *Review and possible confirmation of the policy approved by the Selectmen "as amended" on June 9.*

A motion was made by Chris Eaton and seconded by Stewart Murphy to confirm the draft of the policy approved by the selectmen 'as amended' on June 9. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Parking: Follow-up from the August 20 meeting with the Harbor Committee

- i. *Review of the additional parking constructed on the Closson Lot*

Chris Eaton suggested that a couple of telephone poles could be installed as curbs to prevent people from backing over the edge. Harbor Master Greg Dow said that there is also piling available.

- ii. *Warrant article to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set parking fees*

A motion was made by Dean Wass and seconded Stewart Murphy to postpone to the next meeting discussion of the warrant article to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set parking fees. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Bass Harbor Days Festival:

- i. *Possible creation of a committee to assume responsibility for the festival*

A motion was made by Chris Eaton seconded by Dean Wass to authorize the Selectmen to create a committee to assume responsibility for the Bass Harbor Days Festival. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. *Report of the interim Town Manager on insurance requirements for the event*

Dana Reed reported that he had met with a representative of our insurance company regarding the Town's liability if we sponsor the festival and had been told that, regardless of sponsorship, the Town is likely to be held financially responsible if someone is hurt. Accordingly, he recommended that the Town investigate the cost of insurance.

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

A verbal report of recent staff activity was submitted by Dana Reed.

9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: *Any other items which may come in late and are for the board’s information purposes only. No action will be taken, except that the board may request a matter be placed on the next agenda.*

The following items were suggested for inclusion on the next agenda:

- Katherine Thurston asked to discuss the next recipient of the Gold Cane
- Parking Fees and Ordinance Policy
- Insurance risks for the Bass Harbor Days Festival

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Adoption of a motion to set the date of the next meeting.*

It was agreed to set the date of the next meeting for September 15, 2014.

11. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Katharine Thurston seconded by Chis Eaton to adjourn Selectmen’s meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Wehrfritz
Recording Secretary

Approved,
Tremont Board of Selectmen

Chris Eaton

Dean Wass

Bobby Lee

Stewart Murphy

Katharine Thurston