

**Town of Kennebunkport
Selectmen/Budget Board Meeting
May 14, 2015
6:30 p.m. – Village Fire Station – 32 North Street**

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of May 14, 2015

Selectmen attending: Stuart E. Barwise, Patrick A. Briggs, Allen A. Daggett, Ed Hutchins, and Sheila Mathews-Bull

Others: Bob Almeder, Kevin Crawley, Michael Davis, Erin Gott, Paul Hogan, David James, Maureen King, Crystal McCurdy, Lee McCurdy, Arlene McMurray, Alan Moir, Bruce Rudolph, Bob Sherman, Chris Simeoni, Laurie Smith, Suzanne Stohlman, Tim Summers, and others

1. Call to Order.

Chair Daggett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Executive session per MRSA 1, §405-6D to discuss labor negotiations.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to go into executive session per MRSA 1, §405-6D to discuss labor negotiations. **Vote:** 5-0.

The Board went into executive session at 6:30 PM and came out at 7:10 PM.

Chair Daggett announced that no action was taken.

3. Approve the April 23, 2015, selectmen meeting minutes.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to approve the April 23, 2015, selectmen meeting minutes. **Vote:** 5-0.

4. Public Forum (This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to address the Board of Selectmen with any issue that is not on the agenda.).

None.

5. Consider a renewal liquor license application submitted by MacDonald Management, Inc., DBA Hurricane Restaurant, 29 Dock Square.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to approve the renewal liquor license application submitted by MacDonald Management, Inc., DBA Hurricane Restaurant, 29 Dock Square. **Vote:** 5-0.

6. Consider a renewal special amusement permit submitted by Brooks F.

MacDonald, DBA Hurricane Restaurant, 29 Dock Square.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the renewal special amusement permit submitted by Brooks F. MacDonald, DBA Hurricane Restaurant, 29 Dock Square. **Vote:** 5-0.

Chair Daggett mentioned that both applications were inspected and approved by the police, fire and code enforcement departments.

7. Presentation by Superintendent of Schools Kevin Crowley regarding RSU #21 building construction project.

Superintendent Kevin Crowley gave a 30 minute slide presentation on the building renovations project for Consolidated, Mildred Day, and Kennebunk High School. He explained that the new building plans address safety issues and A.D.A requirements.

8. Consider Arbor Day Proclamation.

Chair Daggett read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Suzanne Stohlman, chair of the Shade Tree Committee, announced that the Maine State Arbor Day will take place in Kennebunkport this year on Monday, May 18. She said Bob Palmer will receive the Frank Knight Excellence in Community Forestry Award. She invited the Selectmen to the ceremony. She said Kennebunkport will be recognized for 38 years in the Tree City USA program.

Town Manager Laurie Smith congratulated the Shade Tree Committee and Bob Palmer.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as written. **Vote:** 5-0.

9. Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee recommendations

a. Expend \$5,000 for invasive species project.

Ms. Smith said volunteers will be removing invasive species from the rocks and right-of-way along the parcels at Goose Rocks Beach and plan to replace them with native species. The Goose Rocks Beach Advisory Committee (GRBAC) voted to match the funding from the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust and recommended the expenditure of \$5,000 for this project from the Goose Rocks Beach fund.

Paul Hogan, member of the GRBAC, said they have 25 volunteers for this Saturday. They may also go back in June and in the fall. They want to see

how far they can get. He said the bittersweet is the worst problem followed by the rosa rugosa. They have a volunteer arborist who is helping select the replacement plants.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Barwise, to expend up to \$5,000 from the Goose Rocks Beach reserve account for the plantings after the invasive species removal project. **Vote:** 5-0.

b. Expend \$300 on beach signs to reflect new Dog Ordinance.

The GRBAC also voted to recommend the expenditure of \$300 on stickers that will be placed on the signs at Goose Rocks if the Dog Ordinance passes at June Town Meeting.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the expenditure of \$300 from the Goose Rocks Beach reserve account on beach signs to reflect the new Dog Ordinance if it passes at Town Meeting. **Vote:** 5-0.

c. Place doggie bag dispensers at all public right-of-ways.

The GRBAC voted to recommend placing doggie bag dispensers at all public right-of-ways. There are nine documented right-of-ways, and three of them currently have dispensers. Each dispenser costs approximately \$100 each. There are additional costs for the dispenser bags and the labor to refill and maintain them.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to expend \$1,000 from the Goose Rocks Beach reserve account to place doggie bag dispensers at all the public right-of-ways. **Vote:** 5-0.

10. Consider application for limited purpose aquaculture license for Eric Gott.

Erin Gott explained his plans to grow oysters in a floating tray in a cove between Vaughn and Bass Islands and answered questions. He said it takes three years to grow oysters and that one oyster purifies 50 gallons of water.

Harbormaster Lee McCurdy said it is a good spot because no boats navigate there.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the application for a limited purpose aquaculture license for Erin Gott. **Vote:** 5-0.

11. Consideration of Pier budget.

Harbormaster Lee McCurdy presented the Pier budget. In order to balance the

budget, the Town will need to transfer \$15,000 from the Piers capital reserve account and transfer \$3,529 from the Piers unrestricted fund balance.

Ms. Smith said the auditors recommend having 90 days of working capital which would be \$83,090.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to approve the Pier budget as presented. **Vote:** 5-0.

12. Consideration of Wastewater Department budget.

Wastewater Superintendent Allan Moir presented his budget and answered questions. He said he tried to keep the budget down as much as possible. He presented information on capital projects that need to be completed in the upcoming years to prepare them for future costs.

Ms. Smith added that they do not want to be in a position where things fall apart.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the Wastewater budget as presented. **Vote:** 5-0.

Mr. Moir mentioned that the sewer user fee increased \$5, from \$410 to \$415.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the sewer user fee of \$415.00. **Vote:** 5-0.

13. Consideration of Dock Square Parking Lot budget

Ms. Smith said there is a reduction in the salary and benefits because the parking lot is changing to an automated system. Office supplies increased for credit card fees.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Barwise, to approve the Dock Square Parking Lot budget as presented. **Vote:** 5-0.

14. Presentation by Carol Cook regarding a proposed trail at Beachwood.

Director of Parks and Recreation Carol Cool explained that last year, the proposed trail at Beachwood was rejected because of concerns from an abutter. She is proposing a new entrance to the trail on the opposite side of the parcel by the playground by Tyler Brook. She said the Portside Rotary and the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust will assist with manpower.

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to approve the proposed trail at Beachwood. **Vote:** 5-0.

Selectman Briggs asked her the status of Silas Perkins Parks.

She responded that some of the trees and shrubs were removed and she is dealing with the Yacht Club regarding drainage.

She said the plant sale was extended to May 20.

15. Consideration of letters to voters regarding RSU #21 withdrawal and school bond project.

The Board received two letters in their meeting packets: one regarding ballot question 8-RSU withdrawal; and the other regarding the RSU #21 bond. Ms. Smith asked them if they would like to mail them out to voters.

Discussion followed and David James expressed his concerns of what wasn't in the letters such as the costs if they withdraw and the MSAD 71 carryover debt. He also mentioned that he heard that the Arundel Board of Selectmen support the bond issue.

Selectman Matthews-Bull commented that Kennebunk has a higher population and does not pay that much more than Kennebunkport.

Selectman Barwise added that Kennebunkport also does not have as much representation on the School Board as Kennebunk.

Maureen King said if the vote for withdrawal passes, the Town would be committed to the withdrawal process.

Ms. Smith explained the withdrawal process, and that they could still decide not to withdraw after they follow the steps of withdrawal process.

The Board agreed to send the two letters out to the voters using one color of paper for the bond and another color of paper for the withdrawal so as not to confuse people.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to send the two letters to the voters re: withdrawal and the school bond. **Vote:** 5-0.

16. Reporting of payments for Local Circuit Breaker Program.

Ms. Smith said the Town reimbursed six people for a total of \$1,646.00. She said they probably do not need the additional \$20,000 proposed for June and could decrease the funding at the open Town Meeting to zero for fiscal year 2016.

17. Other business.

Ms. Smith encouraged everyone to check out the new town website at www.kennebunkportme.gov.

Ms. Smith announced that the *Kennebunkport Town Review* will be a supplement in the May 22 *Kennebunk Post*.

18. Approve the May 14, 2015, Treasurer's Warrant.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to approve the May 14, 2015, Treasurer's Warrant. **Vote:** 5-0.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Barwise, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to adjourn. **Vote:** 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Submitted by Arlene McMurray
Administrative Assistant