

Regular Selectboard Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
January 24, 2022
7pm

Members Present: Jeff Cathcart, Dave MKinnon, and Diane O’Classen

Others Present: Vickee Whiting, Jim Hayes, Marci Hayes, Chad Beckwith, Dave Sabatini, Thomasina Magoon, Charlotte Reider, Mike Pallozzi, Galina Chernaya, and Guests; Doug Perkins and Jeff Schumann from Mosquito District.

Meeting Called to Open.....7:06pm

Changes to Agenda.....1 minute

Jeff Cathcart would like to leave shortly and requested to possibly table some items if necessary.

Otter Creek Watershed.....19 minutes

Doug Perkins, newly elected Chair of the Insect District and Jeff Shuman, newly elected Vice Chair, both present to introduce themselves and answer any questions or concerns regarding the mosquito district from the Town. Doug introduced himself as a 4th generation Vermonter, served in the coast guard for 22 years, for 13 years was a consultant in the DC area then got involved in the mosquito district about a year ago. Jeff Shuman moved to Vermont in the 80’s after he and his wife spent thirty seven years in public education, they moved from Connecticut to Vermont. He volunteered on BLSG and was a part of the Dunmore Lake Association. Dave Sabatini inquired about the expense of being a part of the district as well as if larvicide happens in Goshen. Doug answered that larvicide is limited as Goshen does not have the swamp areas where larvicide is used. Doug stated that larvicide is the preferred method but there is a narrow window in using it effectively, additionally there are conditions and standards to be met with both larvicide and adulticide programs. Doug stated there is an algorithm for what each town pays into the district; population, road mileage, and amount of wetland areas are all factors. Goshen pays about 10% of the cost of the district (which has 5 towns). Money allocated will roll over to the next year. Galina inquired about if there is a schedule of when they will spray and if the spray is larvicide. Doug stated that the spray is not larvicide but adulticide. There is not a fixed schedule, all dependent on weather and mosquito populations. Dave Sabatini figured it is about \$70 per person in Goshen to pay for the mosquito district. Doug stated that if a person wants their property sprayed it would cost about \$75 a month. Dave Sabatini inquired how not to have property sprayed. Doug stated if a person has a no spray zone already established then the person can send an email to the mosquito district, which is found on their website, (<https://blsgmosquito.com>). If the person is a first time no spray the request needs to be accompanied by a map of the property. Doug stated that the district is legally also obligated to notify people thereby allowing time for them to request not being sprayed. Charlotte asked if there is data that demonstrates the effectiveness of spraying. Doug stated that larvicide is more measurable, whereas adulticide is less so. Spraying in Goshen is roadside unless a request for within a property. The district tests for resistance in mosquitoes alternates between the use of two

different pesticides to reduce resistance. Chad Beckwith stated that the meetings are public and still held via ZOOM if people are interested.

New Business.....20 minutes

Bar Harbor- Vickee stated that Bar Harbor needs the board's approval regarding security of funds. Vickee received an email from Treasury Services at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. This is regarding security deposits of bank accounts. The bank currently pledges security over \$250,000.00 FDIC. Any accounts with amounts over FDIC limits go through a manual sweep (monthly). Many businesses have one, however Goshen has several accounts to sweep. Bar Harbor will be replacing this security with a letter of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. All the Town's funds will then be secured under this letter of credit. Once the selectboard approves this, a letter will be sent to the Town of Goshen as well as to the Auditors, Vickee requests that both letters be kept in the vault at all times. **Jeff Cathcart makes a motions to agree with Vickee's discussion on using the letter of credit for the security of BarHarbors funds, Dave McKinnon 2nd.**

Town Hall Meeting- Dave McKinnon stated that Rosie found the majority of people would like to have an in-person Town Meeting. Jeff Cathcart is concerned with the number of people in the room and would like to have increased air circulation. Dave McKinnon stated they can strongly recommend people to wear masks. Jeff Cathcart said, for him, it is very difficult hearing people with masks on, as he relies on facial expressions and reading lips. Charlotte inquired if ZOOM could be an option as well as in person. Dave McKinnon will look into this. Thomasina suggested using Camp Thorpe as a meeting space as it is larger. Thomasina offered to reach out to Camp Thorpe and inquire about this. She also expressed the importance of people being able to have the opportunity to make their own choices and thinks accommodations should be available but does not feel that masks should be mandatory. Thomasina offered to assist with a sound system and help with technology for joining ZOOM. Marci mentioned using the kitchen area at the Town Hall to expand space and that with the sound system this could be a good option as well. Dave Sabatini inquired about the access of Camp Thorpe and who would be responsible to plow if a storm occurs. Dave McKinnon after consideration stated he doesn't believe that the meeting location can be moved. He stated that Rosie, per mandate, already filed with the State a designated location. Jeff Whiting said in an emergency a meeting location can be moved but there are legal ways it needs to happen. Dave McKinnon stated that Camp Thorpe is already one of the Town's emergency locations, but not a designated or alternate location. Dave McKinnon will verify tomorrow of the Zoom and alternate location options for the Town with the Clerk. Charlotte voiced that she would be more comfortable with having the meeting in a larger space and that Covid warrants an emergency situation.

Old Business.....14 minutes

Brandon Area Rescue- Vickee stated this request is a line item on the budget, she would like this amount by tomorrow. **Jeff Cathcart made a motion appropriate a line item increase for the Brandon Area Rescue Squad for the amount proposed, Diane O'Classen 2nd.**

Town Hall Renovations- Jeff Cathcart met with Jenna Lapinski from the State Historic Division to discuss the Town Hall Building. The overhang is not an original part of the structure and needs to be taken off. After damages are assessed, Jenna will visit again. Funds may become available for Historic preservation this year but not a guarantee as the State already has distributed funding, regardless the overhang and exterior of the building needs to be repaired. All work done needs to be historically accurate in order to be able to keep the building as historic and to receive future funding. Jeff Cathcart would like to make a motion to put \$4,000.00 a year in a new account for 5 years, he will propose this at the Town meeting for the people to discuss and vote. Grant applications need to be applied a year ahead. Jeff Cathcart already started a grant application for next year and will be submitting it before October. He will work with the Town Office to gather information. Additionally he will talk with the longtime families, the Hayes's and the Brown's and others who may know the history of the building. Jeff needs to gather any historical information on the building and its importance to the Town. This should include the building's history as a meeting place and church, when electrical lighting went in, any events such as baptisms and marriages, and why the building matters to the Town. The State would like to see the windows and doors repaired and the security on the building doors will be addressed. He also needs to get what work was done on the building and if it is to historic specs. Jeff Whiting said that Max Kraus did a good write up on the Town Hall, which he has and will give to the board. A grant was obtained with the beam work many years ago. Thomasina thanked Jeff Cathcart for looking into and doing the work for this. Galina thanked Jeff as well. Galina inquired if it matters who does the work as far as being historically licensed. Jeff Cathcart stated that it doesn't matter who does the repair as long as it is done under the historical specification. Jim stated that he just got through doing a historic gothic corn crib and it was inspected by the state frequently. Jim had to make the louvers and trim work to match the historic nature as they are not manufactured or sold, he stated the State is very attentive and specific with work. This will be a new line item if approved. Dave Sabatini offered his help in any way. Jeff Cathcart also mentioned that for art and music in the building grants can be obtained for that.

Roads.....35 minutes

Waste Hauling- Marci stated the waste pick up has been challenging, is not working well, and is being abused. She would like to shift the waste collection to a drop off. She would like to have an added article for this to be discussed and voted on at Town Meeting. Thomasina inquired if this can be a decision that the board can make. The waste collection was voted by the people, therefore to change it, a vote would be needed again. Jim and Marci both stated some issues such as heavy bags, out of town bags, trash scattered throughout town, mechanical issues with the truck, waste that is not sorted property, wet recycling, frozen compost, are just a few challenges. Dave McKinnon felt that this is a budget item, figures need to be presented. Marci feels that the cost should not be very different. Vickee stated that the income from tickets purchased has decreased. Marci stated when the Town had recycling drop off there was a definite sense of community, which has been lost. She feels that having a drop off collection will be good for the community as a place to meet and chat. She inquired with surrounding Towns and drop off is a

positive event in Towns. Thomasina inquired if Saturdays could be considered. Marci said yes, they could look at doing a time similarly as for recycling drop off. Dave McKinnon stated that this can be placed on the warning to be discussed as a non-binding vote to be considered for the following year. Marci inquired if this can be a vote to have action for this coming year as changes are needed before another year. It will be discussed at Town Meeting.

Truck Roll- Jim Hayes, while plowing on Hathaway road rolled the green truck on its side at the drop off near Ben Lawton's house. Marci stated that when she went over to take pictures she found that the distance between the travel portion of the road and the area that drops off is about 4' which is not adequate or safe. Jim stated that this section will need to be addressed this coming year to prevent further issues, this is the second time in the same location. Jim was not hurt and the truck was towed to Earl's and will be assessed for damages and repair.

Bids- Board reviewed the two bids received. Markowski's bid was opened and is for the amount of \$621,068.40. Chuck Steady's bid was opened and is for the amount of \$246,877.00. Chuck Steady is the low bidder, however the board feels given the area with deep culverts, ledges, and steep banks, going with a more experienced bidder may be wise. Thomasina inquired how much of a match is typical with grants. Jeff Whiting stated that grants are a 90-10 match. Dave McKinnon stated that getting a grant is not a guarantee. The board has the ability to accept or reject any or all bids as well as extend the date to gather potential additional bidders. Due to the voice of concerned citizens wanting the road fixed Jeff Cathcart felt it should be presented to the people as per their request. **Jeff Cathcart motions to accept Markowski's bid and to have it on the 2022 Town Meeting Warning for Town Hill Reconstruction in the amount of \$621,068.40.**
Diane O'Classen 2nd.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:35pm

Dave McKinnon motioned to adjourn, Diane O'Classen 2nd

Submitted by Marci Hayes