

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**October 14, 2008**  
**Southwest Harbor Town Offices**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Trudy Bickford, Berten Willey, Kristin Hutchins, Chairman; Ralph Dunbar, Jr.; Dorr Wilson. Vice Chair; Robin Bennett, Town Manager. Visitors: Michael Sawyer, Sandra Johnson, Kathy Falt, David Chapais, Allen Smith, Aaron Arsenault, Mark Good.
- II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda: David Chapais, Chief of Police introduced Allen Smith and Aaron Arsenault, new full-time police officers.
- III. Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2008, September 30, 2008 and October 7, 2008: Bickford Moved to accept the minutes of Sept 23, 30 and Oct 7 as is – seconded Willey 5 – 0.
- IV. Warrants: Administration 7 - 13 Water 21 Sewer 10
- V. Old Business
- a. Facilities update: Hutchins circulated a draft for a newsletter and asked for comments, additions, and changes. She also added that the current Police Department is approximately 1200 s.f. and the Board agreed that it should be noted in the newsletter and include the appropriate notes for the actual Town Office space as well. Dunbar said he does take exception to the Sewall Report. Mike Sawyer asked if it was going to cost \$800,000 to build a new station last year why was it a \$700,000 figure for just renovation this year. Wilson explained the items that were included in that figure. Sawyer felt that the “real” figures needed to be put out there and said the true cost should be on the straw poll ballot. Wilson agreed the interest should be added to the figures. Sawyer thought the consensus from the Public Information meeting was to renovate the building for the Police Department and Municipal Offices. Option C addresses that, but doesn’t provide the real figures for the cost, according to Sawyer. He feels there should be a fourth option and felt the sentiment of the public was to renovate this building. Cathy Falt asked about the Sewall report saying it indicated

that the renovation of the Police Department was originally \$280,000. Hutchins said the \$280,000 became \$326,000 as today's number, and that did not include electrical, ventilation and boiler room work, as well as different square footage assumptions. Wilson said he expects the insurance issues to be addressed this next Town Meeting budget.

b. School consolidation: Hutchins said there was a meeting and one member of the public showed up. Hutchins prepared a summary for the Newsletter to be published next week. Bennett added: tentatively Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the date to discuss the funding formula at the high school. Dunbar asked about the sewer financial report saying sludge disposal doubled – he wondered why. Bennett said that she remembered last year there was a very bad odor problem, and the sludge removal had to be seriously increased. This may have contributed, as well as a fee increase. Dunbar and Wilson questioned the sick time policy, and the carry-over of same. Bennett will follow up on sick time.

## VI. New Business

a. Planning Board Resignation: Hutchins referred to Molly Lyman's resignation, and the comments Lyman offered in her letter of resignation. There are good ideas offered, and it may be that the Select Board should set some policies that govern all the Boards/Committees. The teleconferencing issue with the Planning Board is on-going, despite the feelings of the Select Board. Bickford said this Board needs to set a policy and stick to it. Willey said each Board has by-laws. He asked what the teleconferencing would cost. Wilson pointed out that it is not the job of the Boards and Committees to select its members, but it is the job of the Selectmen. He pointed out that there is a resident requirement and in instances of the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals, there is enough power inherent in those Boards that the members must be residents. Bickford pointed out that there are workshops for Planning Board members. Bickford suggested the Select Board do a workshop on this rather than just let it drop. Wilson said it wouldn't hurt to meet with each of the Committees or Boards, perhaps one a month.

b. Storm Water Management: Bennett provided a memo from the CEO re this subject. He will be able to do a presentation two meetings from now. The State has said they have no money to do anything and basically, at a meeting with M-DOT, the Town Manager, and CEO the State said that they have no concrete plans for the Southwest Harbor area. Bickford thought the Town used to have a yearly maintenance plan and would like to see it again. Wilson said maintenance, such as ditching

Spring and Fall, catch basin clean out in Spring and Fall, used to be done on a regular basis. He also said the Town needs the inventory of pipe locations. Sawyer asked if the new medical center produced more run off than previous to construction. Johnson said she had asked that question to CEO Lagrange and he has assured her that the construction is not affecting what has happened the last 18 months with storm water drainage. Johnson wanted to find out whether the replacement for Lyman is being considered by the Select Board. She was informed the opening has been advertised and will not be considered at this meeting.

c. Street Lights: Bennett said that Chapais listed the inventory of all lights needed to be repaired, contacted the electric company, and most of them have been fixed by Bangor Hydro. Wilson suggested asking, at some public meeting, if we want to reduce the number of street lights.

d. Reschedule the November 11, 2008 Meeting: This meeting falls on Veteran's Day, and Bennett suggested rescheduling for the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. The Board agreed to the change.

VII. Manager's Report: Bennett did put the letter from Acadia Disposal District re the EMR contract in the Selectmen's packets, and reported there is no contract yet although only one minor change was made; She spoke with Olver associates and there will be an estimate for budget purposes on a storm water management assessment; there is a public hearing next Tuesday re: the Nov 4<sup>th</sup> ballot items; she attended the MMA convention and is hiring for Sewer and Water Clerk; EMR will be closed an afternoon this week in order to repave their drive.

VIII. Other Business: Wilson: is it correct that fire truck engine 105 discussed for repair will not be repaired? Bennett said that some internal repairs were going to happen prior to shipping it out for other mechanical repair. Taxes: Wilson suggested breaking the taxes into quarterly or semi-annual payments and the Board should research the options, perhaps giving some benefits to paying in full early. Bickford would like to see this done this year. Hutchins remembers the Board suggested putting something on the May 09 ballot to do this. Bennett will look into options and report at a later date.

Chapais: Police personnel participated in the Oktoberfest, and he will get together with the Chamber Director to put together plans for next year. Haunted Hayride will be coming up October 25<sup>th</sup>; this coming Sunday is the

MDI Marathon, expecting 950 runners and about 3000 spectators – there will be a detour from the Herrick Road to Clark Point Road: detouring out through the Herrick Road. Halloween is on the weekend this year. Wilson asked if the Police were paid by the Chamber and if they will be paid by the Marathon. Yes.

Hutchins: did we follow up with the Route 102 DOT schedule. Bennett said there was a lot of “buck-passing” and it remains to be seen where we are as far as DOT is concerned.

Bickford: should there be a sign for the fire station? Bennett has discussed this with Chief Chisholm, who has asked a volunteer fireman to come back with options for an appropriate sign. Bickford also asked if there was a plan for conserving gasoline, and asked Bennett to report on that.

IX. Sign Warrants: Moved Wilson to accept the warrants as presented – seconded Bickford. in favor: 5 – 0 – 0

X. Adjournment Moved to adjourn Bickford, seconded Willy at 7:18 pm: in favor: 5 – 0 - 0