

Town of Chebeague Island
Executive Session, Regular & Workshop meeting
of the Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, April 8th, 2009 @7:00PM
Chebeague Island Hall & Community Center

**Executive Session of the Board of Selectmen
5:30PM @ Chebeague Island Hall & Community Center**
**Executive Session: To convene into Executive Session Pursuant to MRSA 405.6.A.1
To have the Selectmen convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.**
Herb Maine motion to enter into Executive Session.
Donna Damon second.
Vote: Unanimous.
Selectmen entered into Executive Session @ 5:45PM
Herb Maine motion to exit Executive Session.
Donna Damon second.
Vote Unanimous.
Selectmen exited Executive Session @ 7:25PM.

Present: Mark Dyer, Herb Maine, Leon Hamilton, Chris Rich, Donna Damon and Scott Seaver.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM.

2. Approval of Expense Warrant #12-2009.

Donna Damon motion to approve Warrant #12-2009 in the amount of \$34,575.38 dated April 2nd, 2009.

Herb Maine second.

Discussion: Mark Dyer, what is the EFTPS. Scott Seaver, its income tax deductions.

Leon Hamilton, why is the bill from Brann & Issacson so high. Scott Seaver advised that it was due to meetings with the Selectmen and research.

Donna Damon, what is the charge for Hollywood Slots. Scott Seaver advised that it is where the Animal Control training is being held.

Vote: Unanimous.

3. Town Administrator Report.

Scott Seaver, taxes are at ninety two percent collected.

Scott advised that the Fire Department is in the process of writing a grant for a used fire truck.

Donna Damon asked if we were going to vote on this. Scott, I thought it was to be brought to your attention before the grant was applied for. Leon Hamilton, I thought they needed permission before going for a grant if it had a cost to the Town.

Herb Maine, I would like to have a copy of the policy before we move ahead.

Scott advised he will have one at the next meeting.

Scott advised that he had pricing on new concrete planks for the Stone Pier and he felt it was pretty reasonable.

Scott has Phil Curtis from the MDOT coming to the Island on Tuesday, April 21st to look at the roads.

Scott stated the new generator is in and we will be working on pouring a new cement slab for it to sit on.

Scott advised he had been in contact with Dave Stevens in regard to a Budget and/or Finance Committee.

Town Administrator Report continued:

Donna Damon motion to have Board authorize the Fire Department to make a request five percent (5%) matching funds for the grant for a fire truck.

Chris Rich second.

Discussion: Leon Hamilton, I do not see a need for a new fire truck. Ralph Munroe we have been planning this for the last eight years. We will be buying one truck to replace the two older ones as they are no longer reliable. The Town has been putting money away and a five percent match should be enough. Donna Damon stated that it would be \$9,500 at the most. Paul Belesca asked if the Town had a fire truck reserve fund. Scott, yes and as of 7/01/09 it will have \$60,000 in it.

Scott advised that a general reserve fund that the Town had is now a line item of Grant Fund. That way it could be used for grants for other projects not just one specific thing.

Leon Hamilton, Ralph how much money does the Fire Department account have in it? Why isn't this money under the Town? Ralph, this money was donations earmarked for the Fire Department. Leon, why isn't this money being used? Ralph, it is being used. Leon, wouldn't it make more sense for the Fire Department to come to the Town for money. Donna Damon, this was discussed through Transition. It was discussed that any money should go through the Selectmen to the Fire Department. Scott, many small Towns have these types of accounts. Leon, you have got money sitting there. I wouldn't worry about money.

Herb Maine, requested to call question.

Jason Hamilton, the old truck is thirty seven (37) years old. The maintenance of these trucks can cost as much if not more than the money being requested.

Vote: Four (4) in favor and One (1) opposed.

Donna Damon motion to revisit grant policy that we have in place.

Leon Hamilton second.

Discussion: Jason Hamilton, we are letting you know now. We haven't applied for the grant yet. Donna Damon, this discussion is good so everyone will be on the same page. Ralph, we are doing the research to see if we want to apply for this grant. It's not even open for applications yet. The training grant is mandatory and needs lots of research.

Vote: Unanimous.

4. Public Comment.

Claire Ross discussed the twelve year survey. She advised that there will be a mailing of all shorefront property owners letting everyone know what is going on. There will be a summary of the letter put in the calendar. The survey will start May 18 and last about a week. After the survey is completed it will take about three weeks to get the results. This means our flats that are close now may not open until the middle of June. Claire advised she has a meeting with DMR on May 13th.

Cecil Doughty, will they open one section at a time as they are doing the survey?

Claire, I do not have that information, but will keep everyone informed as best she can.

Cheryl Stevens, has the budget for revenue been discussed yet?

Scott Seaver, no it's not complete yet.

Cheryl Stevens, when should we expect it?

Scott Seaver, next month.

Cheryl Stevens asked about the Assessors Budget. She discussed the re-valuation done seven years ago. She advised that neighborhoods were not assessed equally and were improperly classified. This needs to be fixed and the only way is a new re-valuation.

Scott Seaver, we have \$40,000 in this year's budget, but it is not funded this year.

Donna Damon, this should be a future agenda item. We need to work with the Assessor in the setting up of neighborhoods. We had some glaring errors in the last re-valuation.

Mark Dyer suggested we talk with Bob Konczal.

Donna Damon we need to set up a group to meet with Bob Konczal, but we need more money for this to be done.

5. New Business.

5.1 To set a date for the Selectmen to review the Town Administrator.

Scott Seaver, I am willing to come over on a Saturday is necessary.

Donna Damon, will this be a written review and then meet.

Herb Maine, if that's what you want, it would work the way it did last year.

Herb Maine, motion to set a date of April 18th following the Workshop meeting.

Chris Rich second.

Discussion, none.

Vote: Unanimous.

5.2 To set the date for a public discussion in regard to allowing All Terrain Vehicles on Town roads.

Leon Hamilton motion to hold public discussion at the May 13th regular Selectmen meeting.

Herb Maine second.

Vote: Unanimous

Herb Maine motion to set a date of April 29th for a Special Meeting of the Selectmen.

Agenda to be set by chair.

Donna Damon second.

Vote: Unanimous.

5.3 To have the Selectmen approve the findings and facts this would result in a written decision of the Frey hearing.

Herb Maine advised the written decision of the Board of Selectmen to uphold the Local Plumbing Inspectors decision of denial of permit.

Herb Maine motion to accept facts of letter in regard to a subsurface waste water system.

Leon Hamilton second.

Discussion, none.

Vote: Four (4) in favor with one (1) abstention.

Herb Maine motion to approve conclusion.

Leon Hamilton second.

Discussion, none.

Vote: Four (4) in favor with one (1) abstention.

Herb Maine motion to accept disposition.

Leon Hamilton second.

Discussion, none.

Vote: Four (4) in favor with one (1) abstention.

Herb Maine motion to accept letter as written.

Leon Hamilton second.

Discussion, none.

Vote: Four (4) in favor with one (1) abstention.

Mark Dyer thanked Herb Maine for all his work during the appeal process. Mark felt the second half of the appeal went extremely well.

5.4 To have the Selectmen discuss and possibly act on development of a policy for payment of parking tickets.

Cecil Doughty, if the tickets aren't paid can we not register the car.

Scott Seaver, no registrations are State. We have not authority to do that.

Donna Damon, what would the process be if we had police?

Scott Seaver, it all together different that what we are doing now.

Donna Damon, maybe we should have a couple of Selectmen, Louise & Scott work together on this. We need some meat in this. Donna, maybe we should contact the Town Attorney or MMA.

Herb Maine motion to have the Town Administrator research with MMA on a policy for collecting unpaid parking tickets.

Donna second.

Vote: Unanimous.

5.5 To have the Selectmen discuss and possibly act on forming a Committee to review all Town owned properties.

Donna Damon, there are two types of property, tax acquired and Town owned. We voted to set up committee of Lands and Conservation but we haven't appointed anyone yet. The inventory and description is to complex to go into all at once. Maybe the Comprehensive Committee has information we can use. Do they meet between now and Town Meeting?

Donna Damon, this should be on the agenda May 13th to have Executive Session. We need a list of all Town owned and foreclosed properties. We could meet one half hour before meeting to draft up a charge.

This item tabled until next meeting.

6. New Non-agenda items to be presented by the Selectmen.

None.

7. Adjourn meeting.

Leon Hamilton motion to adjourn.

Herb Maine second.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM

Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.