

Town of Chebeague Island  
Minutes of Board of Selectmen  
August 17, 2011 @ 6PM  
Island Hall Community Center

Present: David Hill, Mark Dyer, John Martin, Chris Rich & Eric Dyer  
Herb Maine in at 6:14PM.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02PM.
2. Town Administrator Report:
  - Treasurer Report
  - Committee Meetings
  - Public Works projects
  - Personnel Meetings
  - Risk Management Meeting MMA

Mark Dyer: Stated that the wood/brush dump is maxed out. We need to consider how to manage it.  
Stated that we need to mark the two spots on the Stone Wharf for CTC employee parking.

Bev Johnson: Thank you to Tom Calder & Dave Campbell for all the work done at the school in repairs of the water system.

David Hill: Read a letter of thanks to our Animal Control Officer Pam Pulsifer for her professionalism and prompt response in regard to request from a resident.

John Martin: Thank you to the office staff. He referred to a receipt report for the month of July of the revenues that came into the office and thanked the staff for all the hard work.

3. Public comment.

David Stevens: Asked to move item 7B the discussion of Chebeague.net up to an earlier slot.

John Wilson: Stated that he knew of people that were coming at 7PM for that discussion and could we do it then.

David Stevens: Agreed.

David Hill: Agreed to move item 7B up to 7PM.

4. Committee Appointments.

Eric Dyer: We have received two (2) letters of interest for that Aquaculture Committee. Carol White and David Whiston.

**Mark Dyer: Motion to appoint Carol White & David Whiston to the Aquaculture Committee.**

**John Martin: Second.**

Discussion: Herb Maine asked if the Board was okay with an even number of individuals on this committee.

Mark Dyer: Stated that if they have a problem they can come to the Board with the issue and hold a discussion.

**Vote: Unanimous.**

4.A Aquaculture Committee.

Carol White stated that the committee needs clarification from the Board of their role with Coastal Waters Commission and the Board.

David Stevens: We should discuss this at a meeting that includes the Aquaculture Committee, Coastal Waters Commission, Harbormaster and Town Administrator. The next meeting of the Coastal Waters Commission is to be on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

5. Committee Reports.

5.A Aquaculture Committee.

No discussion held as already done in 4.A

5.B Ordinance Review.

John Wilson discussed that the following ordinances are still in the works.

- Dance Hall
- Dog Ordinance
- Chandlers Cove
- Solid Fuel
- Fees Ordinance
- Coastal Waters Ordinance revision will be around the first of the year
- Shellfish Ordinance will be around the first of the year
- Zoning

5.C. Other Committees.

John Wilson: Stated that the Capital Finance committee will meet on August 24<sup>th</sup> to look into researching the town's long term debt due to the new interest rates.

6. Old Business.

6.A Update from the Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden.

Ron Tozier advised Board on the following:

- Attended Coastal Waters Commission meeting
- Signage on the Stone Wharf
- Tie-up room
- Has been out in the Harbormaster Boat checking out the outer islands.
- Visit to Hope Island
- Need of Harbormaster office on end of the Stone Wharf
- Harbormaster boat is not suited for the use it is needed for.
- Need more direction from the Town on what needs to be done

Ron Tozier reported on Shellfish:

- He and Cecil Doughty have been out checking the flats
- Ron stated he has come upon clambers with no license and asked that they go to the Town Office and get one.

Ken Hamilton: Stated that he is impressed with the statements made by the Harbormaster. He is asking for help. I think he should report to the Coastal Waters Commission. The way it is set up now is that it bypasses the commission and goes to the Town Administrator.

David Stevens: Stated that he did not remember of the administration of the Harbormaster being removed at Town Meeting. He asked that the Town Administrator be present at the next Coastal Waters Commission meeting as well as the Harbormaster.

6.B To have the Selectmen discuss the Fee Schedule process.

**Mark Dyer: Motion to table this item until September's regular meeting**

**Chris Rich: Second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

Item 7.B taken out of order for an earlier discussion.

7.B To have the Selectmen discuss municipal involvement with Chebeague.net

Bev Johnson: Stated that Chebeague.net has been awarded a matching grant of \$75,000. We are asking the town to use the Grant Funding line in the town's budget to give \$25,000 to Chebeague.net. The company needs to the town support.

Tom Damon: Is this cable?

Bev Johnson: No.

John Wilson: What is the total bill?

David Hill: The total bill will be \$153,000.

John Martin: To be honest I'm stuck with this. The town is not a business and Chebeague.net is.

Joe Ballard: This is a life line for the island. The dedication to this is incredible.

David Stevens: I commend the crew, but I agree with John. Would it be possible not using town money to do a cost per user and pass it on?

David Hill: I would rather not, as it would possibly put the user cost to high. We give the non-profits, town and students discounts so I do not know how it would price out.

Leila Bisharat: Stated the discussion of the Comprehensive Plan held a discussion of keeping the island vibrant. The lack of access would be a major deterrent. I believe the town should consider some kind of allocation.

Herb Maine: Asked why Chebeague.net was not a 501C3?

David Hill: Time. At the time we needed to move along quickly. Filing to be a 501C3 would have taken over a year.

Herb Maine: Asked Eric Dyer the balance of the Grant Funding line.

Eric Dyer: \$21,000 to \$22,000. I'm not sure if it is only for town matching grants.

Herb Maine: I think we need to find a way for the town and private companies can work. The Board may not have the authority to do this, but town meeting does.

David Hill: How many grant requests are in the works?

Eric Dyer: None.

Eric Dyer: Can you give us a time frame and if there is any flexibility in this grant.

David Hill: There are none.

David Stevens: Can you borrow the money?

David Hill: It's just not there. There is no collateral.

Tom Damon: Stated that you are asking peopled that do not use the service to help. Why not raise the service charge? Have you talked to the phone company about hookups? Have you asked the phone company for money?

David Hill: They will not help financially.

Tom Damon: Do you consider yourself a public utility?

David Hill: Yes.

Mark Dyer: I will be taking Herb and Eric's suggestion that we take this to the Town. This should go to a special town meeting.

John Wilson: Does the \$153,000 include back bone?

David Hill: Yes, but we do not know the cost. A guess would be \$3,000.

Tom Damon: Would you consider hiring someone full time or part time?

David Hill: Not full time, but could possibly afford part time.

Herb Maine: I think if a special town meeting was called the town would go along with this.

David Hill: Lets move on to the next item. No action will be taken on this item.

6.C Ordinance review committee:

**Herb Maine: Motion to move the Solid Fuel Ordinance Building Codes to Town Meeting.**

**Mark Dyer: Second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

7. New Business:

7.A To have the Selectmen discuss the FY 2011-2012 mil rate.

**Eric Dyer: The mil rate set by Robert Konczal will be \$19.95. This is a fifteen (15) cent increase from last year's \$19.80.**

8. Non-agenda items to be presented by the Selectmen.

Mark Dyer: Stated he wanted to set another date to finish our retreat. I liked it being off island. I think we were more relaxed.

David Hill: Asked about a town report.

Eric Dyer: I was very disappointed that I didn't get one done this year, but the discussion will start again very soon.

David Hill: When will we be starting the search for a Harbormaster?

Eric Dyer: That process will start soon.

Herb Maine: We need a good job description before we start that process. We need to talk to Coastal Waters Commission on this.

David Hill: Do we need an Executive Session for personnel issues?

Eric Dyer: Yes. I have been talking to the Town lawyer's office and there has been progress.

9. Approval of prior minutes.

**Mark Dyer: Motion to approve prior minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as written.**

**John Martin: Second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

10. Approval of Expense Warrant:

**Mark Dyer: Motion to approve Expense Warrant in the amount of \$81,962.89 dated 8/11/11.**

**Chris Rich: Second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

11. Adjourn meeting:

**Mark Dyer: Motion to adjourn at 9:13PM.**

**John Martin: Second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.