Selectmen's Discussions and Decisions
April 17, 2014

Selectmen present: Tom Hohn, John Norton, and Marie Harmon.

1. Brenda Singo sworn in as an election clerk.

2. Discussed Recreation Department summer programming location.

   Selectmen received a letter from the Recreation Department concerning the location of the summer programming.

   Through discussions, the proposed contractor has expressed that it would be better for him to begin construction in September.

   If construction begins in the summer construction activity and vehicles would impact traffic and parking during the heavy summer season.

   ACTION: the Recreation Department will have use of the Community Center building until construction can begin in September.

3. Discussed the sale of Transfer Station punch passes at the Transfer Station.

   The initial plan for punch pass sales was to have all sales take place at Town Hall or through the mail but only allow sales at the Transfer Station at the beginning as a transition.

   Another alternative might include installation of a meter at the Transfer Station for sales.

   ACTION: Fellow will research punch pass meter.

4. Discussed winter snow plowing for next season.

   The Town may want to monitor the truck usage to determine billing.

5. Discussed the Planning Board public hearing postings.

   Two postings are required if there is a change of zone (e.g. from IR1 to IB).

   The proposed change may not be a change in zoning but a change in the zoning ordinance to allow an additional condition.

6. Met with John Wallace, Harbormaster, to discuss job description, personnel policy, and employee conduct policy.

Discussed mooring permit fees and the new online mooring system.

ACTION: Will meet again to discuss the constable job description.

7. Conference call with Rob Crawford, Town Counsel, concerning the Fire Department ordinance.

   The proposed warrant article presented by the Fire Department for Town review would, if passed, be in conflict with the Town Ordinances and therefore an ordinance change would be necessary to change the Fire Chief position from an appointed position to an elected position.

   Because of this conflict between the proposed article and the existing ordinance, Town Counsel proposed several options to the Town to reduce the downside risk of election of a Fire Chief. While the Selectmen do not support changing the current process, in order to mitigate governance risk, the Selectmen will put forth an article at Town Meeting that incorporates Town Counsel's comments.

      Because an ordinance change regarding elected to appointed or appointed to elected positions requires 90-day notice, the vote at Town Meeting would constitute initial notice and the final vote on the ordinance change would be held at a special Town Meeting in August.

   This process will allow the voters to better understand the election process and regulations and would ensure greater accountability.

8. Discussed the order of articles in the Town Meeting warrant.

   The article put forth by the Fire Department will be Article 4 and the article put forth by the Town will be Article 5 (see Town Report).

9. Reviewed the article pertaining to driveway construction standard put forth by the Planning Board and reviewed by Town Counsel.

   Agreed that the article will be put forth as worded by Town Counsel.

10. Discussed refreshments at Town Meeting

    The Recreation Department will offer light breakfast (i.e. coffee, pastries, and doughnuts) and some baked goods for sale.

    Hot dogs will not be for sale.

11. Update on Request for Proposals for town building redevelopment.

Municipal Resources, Inc. is preparing the documents and they will be able to be put out next week.

12. Update on plowing and ice control contractor.

    Coastal, Inc. came out the previous week and fixed plow damage to guardrails and grass. They will return to re-seed plow damaged areas.

13. Selectmen have agreed that the Town will help to sponsor a Weatherization Week in conjunction with the Year-Round Housing Corporation, Efficiency Maine, and the Island Institute.

14. Selectman Harmon made a motion to approve the April, 3rd minutes.

    2nd by Selectman Norton
    3-0 motion passed

15. Selectman Harmon made a motion to appoint Chris Papkee Interim Fire Chief until a point at which a permanent Fire Chief may be appointed.

    2nd by Selectman Norton
    3-0 motion passed.

16. Selectman Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting

    2nd by Selectman Harmon
    3-0 motion passed.

Erin Crowley – Deputy Minute Recorder