

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 2006**

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call To Order

The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 to conduct town affairs. Chairman Richard McLean called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Richard McLean, Scott Gove, Walter Hilton, Joshua Pinkham and Vicki Pinkham. Staff present were Interim Admin Liaison, Janice L. Miller, Others present were Representative McKane, Ann Pinkham, Steve O'Bryan, Karen O'Bryan (LCTV), (7) members of the Fire Dept., a representative of Greenwood Fire Apparatus and two members of the media.

III. Public Hearings – None

IV. Old Business – Hilton; Open House

1. Hilton reviewed the plans for the Dedication and Open House of the Municipal Building. Confirmed the appropriate wall for placement of the plaques.
2. Gove reported on the closing of the Church Street building. It was at 11:00 am on Tuesday May 2, 2006. Miller has been given the check. McLean confirmed that on the 2006 Warrant, Article #37; specifically stated that the proceeds from the sale were to go directly towards pay down on the Castner Building Loan.
3. Main Street Project; Miller gave a report that MDOT had reported to her that all of the bids were to high; therefore they were going to revamp the project and go a ahead with bid requests in mid summer. They would anticipate a fall start time on the project. McKane reported that they were going to go ahead with sidewalks and grading. McLean stated that Terry would be asked to request that the new poles be cleaned up prior to summer traffic.

V. Communications -

1. E-Waste Collection program information/letter from the County. There was some discussion on what and how it relates to Damariscotta. McLean agreed to try and attend the meeting on May 11, at 7:00 pm.
2. Letter from MDOT confirming their hearing scheduled for May 9th at 7:00 pm, here in the municipal building.

VI. Official Action

1. Fire Dept, Chief Genthner, presented the Board with their request that a ladder truck and a rescue truck purchase be placed on the Town Warrant for a town vote. They introduced a representative of the Greenwood Fire Apparatus Company, who further clarified why this request is just now coming in front of the Board. They can get a new 2003 100' Ladder Truck and a used Fire Rescue Truck for \$700,000. Description of abilities and future worth was presented. The new truck would have an anticipated life of 25 –30 years under normal wear & tear. There is a new service center going in over in Brunswick. Gove asked about funding. Hilton questioned secret ballot vs open town meeting.

On motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Place on the Town Warrant as Articles the following; 1) \$100,000 from Fire Truck Reserve Acct.; 2) \$100,000 from Undesignated Funds; and 3) \$500,000 in the form of a loan. (Vote: 4-0) (J. Pinkham abstained)

On motion of McLean/Hilton the Board VOTED to: Sign the letter of intent to purchase with passing of articles at Town Meeting. (Vote: 4-0) (J. Pinkham abstained)

On motion of Gove/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Request loan bids for the amount of \$500,000; at 10 yr, 15 yr, 20 yr. terms, with all local banks to be invited to bid. (Vote 5-0)

On motion of McLean/Gove, the Board VOTED to: Approve the Fire Dept.'s Bingo license for another year. (Vote: 5-0)

2. Steve O'Bryan, EMA Ordinance. Miller stated that according to MMA, the language is standard throughout the State.

On motion of McLean/V. Pinkham, the Board VOTED to: Place the EMA Ordinance on the Town Warrant at Town Meeting for a vote. (Vote: 5-0)

On motion of J. Pinkham/Gove, the Board VOTED to: Have a public hearing on May 17 at 6:30p.m. on the EMA Ordinance. (Vote 5-0)

3. Discussion on appointment of Wiggins as Sealer of Weights and Measurements. V. Pinkham stated that the information she had indicated that this was good with the State. Miller stated that Wiggins was in and explained the prior fax and that she spoke to a State Worker who was with him. Wiggins will be with a State worker for several months.

On motion of Hilton/V. Pinkham the Board VOTED to: Appoint Wiggins for the remainder of this fiscal year as the Sealer of Weights

and Measurements. (Vote 5-0)

4. Winchenbach Easement Deeds; McLean went into a brief review of history. Winchenbach is allowing an easement onto his property of the overflow already present from the closed Town Dump on Standpipe Rd. He, in turn, needs to level off a berm and take down several trees (these are located adjacent to him on Town owned land) in order to get approval for his driveway. Discussion followed. This matter was tabled pending review by the Town's Atty.
5. McLean reviewed the proposed Land Use Ordinance changes. McLean moved to place revised definition on the June Warrant. Gove brought up the fact that he feels that this is not an issue to rush through. Hilton agreed. McLean expressed concern over the defendability of the Ordinance as it now stands. Gove rebutted with the fact that the "Our Town" group had assured the Selectmen that it was defendable (per their atty) at the time that the Board approved it to go in front of the Town. With no second on McLean's motion, the issue was tabled for continued review. Suggested to be placed on the November ballot.
6. Restricted Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways Ordinance; Discussion on this proposed Ordinance.

On motion of Gove/McLean, the Board VOTED to: Place the proposed Restricted Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways Ordinance on the June Warrant and to have a Public Hearing on it on May 17, at 6:30pm. (Vote 5-0)

7. Miller requested that the Board recommend Budget Committee members for the Town Warrant.

On motion of McLean/Hilton the Board VOTED to: Recommend Seth Hagar, Karen O'Bryan, Wallace Schling and Ted Clapp as Budget Committee Members. (Vote 5-0)

8. Final Town Report Cover Approval: Choice of two flag pictures were presented. Gove stated that he did not like either one.

On motion of McLean/V. Pinkham, the Board VOTED to; Accept a picture of the flags which included the Harbor and to have it in color as the Town Report Cover. (Vote 4-1) (Gove against) (It should be noted that further discussion resulted in Gove having the go ahead to attempt to get a better quality picture of the same scene for the cover.)

9. McLean brought up the Town Report Selectmen's letter that he had written. There was a question of the use of Trustees vs Prisoners. Gove suggested that final two paragraphs be moved to the first of the letter. General approval

given with changes as mentioned. NO MOTION MADE.

10. Review of the paving bids as submitted and opened by Sutherburg/Miller at 1:00 pm on May 3rd, 2006.

On motion of Gove/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Award the paving bid to Marriner's. (Vote 5-0)

11. Hilton gave a report on the success of the Town Manager Search Committee. He reported that of the six applicants called in for interviews, only four came. Out of those four, only two are possibles. The committee requests an extension from the Board so as to broaden their interview base.

On motion of McLean/Gove, the Board VOTED to: Extend by two weeks the time in which the Town Manager Search Committee will present the Board with 2-3 applicants for review by Board. (Vote 5-0)

12. Miller presented the Board with an estimate on cleaning the carpets in the Admin Offices and in the P.D. Estimate by Kingdom Cleaners of \$373.50.

On motion of Gove/McLean, the Board VOTED to: Approve the cleaning of the building carpets as quoted with proof of insurance. It should be dry and ready prior to Open House. (Vote 5-0)

V. Management Discussion (in lieu of Town Manager)

1. Miller gave a brief review of Town Report, Town Warrant and Town Office status. The auditor from RHR Smith has offered to come in for a couple of days if needed. Discussion of Deputy Clerk hiring. Bev Zahner is here for a short time to help out. Gove would like to wait for the new Town Manager to hire. V. Pinkham suggested advertising now.

On motion of V. Pinkham/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Begin advertising in mid May for 2 weeks, with preliminary review of applications following. Have initial work done for new manager to do hiring. (Vote 5-0)

VI. Consent Calendar

1. Regular Meeting minutes of April 19th, 2006.

On motion of Hilton/McLean, the Board VOTED to: Accept and approve the minutes of April 19th as written. (Vote: 5-0)

2. General Fund Warrant #50.

On motion of J. Pinkham/McLean, the Board VOTED to: Accept and approve the General Fund Warrant #50 as presented.. (Vote: 5-0)

VII. Other Business

1. Gove requested that the Board approve expenditure of up to \$1000. for repair work on the Baseball Field. He stated that the Town does have the responsibility of upkeep on the field. He has someone who is willing to donate time and equipment for the needed repair work. It is under water every time it rains. Discussion followed – It is not a budgeted item. No Motion made. Hilton, McLean, and Miller offered a hundred dollars each, toward the repair work. Gove declined.

VIII. Adjournment

On motion of McLean.Hilton the Board VOTED to: Adjourn at 8:23p.m. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice L. Miller
Interim Town Liaison