

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2006**

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call To Order

The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 7, 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 Dave Wilbur, Corrinna (Chamber of Commerce), Karen O'Bryan (LCTV), (3) members of the Blake Municipal Management Corp. .

III. Public Hearings –

Discussion on Romeo's new liquor license application. Advertising confirmed and no one present. Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Old Business –

1. Town Report – McLean, on behalf of Board, offered compliments to staff and to Cheryl Pinkham for a job very well done.
2. County Tax Assessment – recap of tax increase of \$97,265. Gove stated that the Public does have some influence when they speak out and show up at meetings.
3. MDOT- Heath Cowan has reported via McLean, that he is very confident that we will see work begin by September.
4. Poles – downtown – Heath Cowan again believes that we will see work begin on the poles (moving) before September.
5. Heath Cowan reports that he believes that the lighting fixtures have been agreed on.
6. Re: Lighting on the bridge – should possibly check with the Rotary. McLean will be contact person. Vicki brought up lampposts vs plain post.
7. Corrinna (Chamber of Commerce) brought up the sidewalk project on the Bristol Road and down to Yellowfront. Gove suggested that she confer with Terry.

V. Communications -

1. Dave Wilbur – Discussion on Damariscotta 20/20 group and where they stand. Invitation to Selectmen to again attend the next meeting to be held on June 20, 2006.
2. LPC Paperwork /nominations – from MMA – tabled until June 21, 2006 meeting.

VI. Official Action

1. Write off's / housekeeping issue – Discussion on taxes and the collection thereof followed. Miller explained that length of debt, left her with minimum choices at this point on these older taxes. Mr. Blake added that in his professional opinion the Board should write off these “nuisance” taxes.

On motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Write off the proposed Real Estate and Personal Property taxes as presented (RE 12 accts total \$122.37 and PP 10 accts and \$717.03). (Vote 5-0)

2. Cemetery Deed name change

On motion of Gove/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Sign the newly issued Cemetery Deeds as necessary for a name change.

VII. Management Discussion (in lieu of Town Manager)

1. Miller gave a brief run down of her request that the Administration Office Employees be given July 3, 2006 off. This will allow her additional time to close out the year and will allow the staff a chance for a much needed rest after the past few months.

On motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Approve the closing of the Town Office on Monday, July 3, 2006. (Vote 5-0)

2. Review Current Expense Summary

ON motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED to: Accept the Expense Summary as presented by Miller. (Vote 5-0)

VIII. Consent Calendar

1. Regular Meeting minutes of May 17th, 2006. The Board tabled these minutes pending corrections by Cheryl Pinkham.
2. General Fund Warrant #54.
3. Payroll Warrant #55.

On motion of Hilton/McLean, the Board VOTED to: Accept and approve the General Fund Warrant #54 & the Payroll Warrant #55 as presented.. (Vote: 5-0)

IX. Other Business

1. Miller gave a brief review of a septic / health issue at Pond Circle. It is being taken care of and all residents were offered the opportunity to spend the night in a hotel.
2. Blake Municipal Management Corp. gave a brief outline of what their services are and how they may be able to assist the Town and or the Town Manager in the future.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

On motion of McLean/Hilton the Board voted to have a Special Meeting of The Board of Selectmen on Saturday, June 17, 2006; for the purpose of an Executive Session on a personnel matter. (Vote 5-0)

XI. Adjournment

On motion of Gove/Hilton the Board VOTED to: Adjourn at 9:04 p.m.. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice L. Miller
Interim Town Liaison