

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, June 21, 2006**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Damariscotta Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 to conduct town affairs. Chairman Richard McLean called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present were Richard McLean, Scott Gove (late in his arrival @7:25p.m.), Walter Hilton, Joshua Pinkham and Vicki Pinkham. Staff present were Interim Admin Liaison, Janice L. Miller, Karen O'Bryan (LCTV) and Mr. Maurer from King Eider's Pub.(present for public hearing only)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**

- II. Public Hearings – King Eider's liquor license renewal**

- 1. McLean opened the Public Hearing @ 6:35 p.m. With a lack of anyone in attendance with concerns, the meeting was closed @ 6:38 p.m.

On motion of Hilton/V. Pinkham, the Board VOTED: To approve King Eider's Liquor License Renewal Application (Vote 4-0)

- III. Call To Order**

- 1. Election of Officers – Discussion and nominations

On motion of Hilton/V. Pinkham the Board VOTED: To elect Richard McLean as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing fiscal year. (Vote 4-0)

On motion of V. Pinkham/Wilbur the Board VOTED: To elect Walter Hilton as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing fiscal year. (Vote 4-0)

On motion of McLean/Hilton the Board VOTED: To elect Scott Gove as 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing fiscal year. (Vote 4-0)

IV. Old Business - Damariscotta 20/20 Group

1. McLean/Wilbur gave a brief review of the prior evenings meeting with the Damariscotta 20/20 Group. Approx. 40 people were in attendance. Bill Dennis was the speaker. Wilbur stated that the next items on the group's agenda would be Fundraising and group discussions.

Discussion continued on how best to assess the Town's needs in reference to sidewalks.

V. Communications -

1. DRA Invitation – Selectmen have been invited to the DRA's annual meeting, they will be honoring resident, Huston Dodge. RSVP ws left up to individual members.
2. Miller brought up a phone call she received late in the afternoon from Gary Crabtree of CMP – The DOT has requested that they begin their work downtown immediately. His crews would be able to begin in July – but that will necessitate Main Street being down to one lane. Discussion followed. V. Pinkham feels that the Business Owners were promised no work during the summer months. Hilton questions what impact on the DOT portion this will have if pushed back until Sept. Wilbur/Pinkham brought up fact that Sept. is still a very busy part of the summer for the downtown merchants. McLean, will speak to Heath Cowan with the MDOT in the morning. He will collect all information that he can and forward that info to the other Board members. A decision will then be made on how best to convene for a vote. Decision tabled for 24 hours.

VI. Official Action

1. Correct errors in assessment for 2004. The assessors agent and the Tax Collector are requesting that an abatement be issued by the Board on two accts from the 2004 Tax Year. These were errors in personal property assessment as follows;
ERA Realty (closed) \$178,56 & Landshapers (double billed) \$1,211.52.
These are in front of this Board as they are past the time that the Assessors may abate and must have action by the Board of Selectmen.

On motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED: To approve the abatement of the errors in personal property assessment as presented. (Vote 4-0)

2. YMCA Deed – Presented for signing by the Board as authorized at Town Meeting. With two new members unfamiliar with the wording of the deed; the decision was made to table this item until the next meeting on July 5th, 2006 – this will allow them time to review the deed.
3. Municipal Parking Lot Drainage Amendment Contract – McLean gave a brief history of the contract and the intent of this amendment – Phase 2 is the design phase of the project. \$1780 additional funds.

On motion of Hilton/McLean, the Board VOTED: To allow McLean to sign the document on behalf of the Town. (Vote 4-0)

4. TRIO Software Contract – Discussion followed on this. Miller mentioned that a key component (Electronic Reg) is missing from the contract. It was scheduled and budgeted for, for this coming year. Decision to table signing, pending a n all inclusive contract.

VII. Management Discussion – (in lieu of a Town Manager) – None

VIII. Consent Calendar

1. Regular meeting minutes of May 17th – not available
2. Regular meeting minutes of June 7th – All Board members had not had a chance to review – tabled until next meeting on July 5th, 2006.
3. Financial Reports – AP Warrant #56 and PY Warrant #57

On motion of Hilton/McLean, the Board VOTED: To approve the AP & Payroll Warrants #56 & #57 as presented. (Vote 5-0) (Gove arrived)

IX. Other Business

1. Town Clock – Discussion on liability vs responsibility of Town Clock located in the Baptist Church tower. A discussion between the Church and the Town should be initiated (a noncommittal conversation). The tower is beginning to lean and to disintegrate.
2. Gove – Would like to know what the MDOT's commitment to the collector roads here in Town is – These roads including Biscay, Bristol and School St. are all in need of repair work. McLean will ask Cowan in the morning while speaking to him – who should be asked these questions.

3. The Transfer Station will have a meeting tomorrow evening – June 22, 2006 at 7 pm regarding collection sites of electronics. McLean will attend on behalf of the Board.
4. Gove, brought up compensation for Miller for additional duties she has been doing. Discussion followed. Board will discuss further.

X. Executive Session – None

XI. Adjournment.

On motion of McLean/Hilton, the Board VOTED: To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.(Vote: 5 – 0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice L. Miller
Interim Town Liaison