

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m.**

Present were: Selectmen: Josh Pinkham, Vicki Pinkham, Dave Wilbur, Ed Stelzer, Town Manager, Greg Zinser, Deputy Clerk, Jurate Barnes, others present per sign-in sheet, attached.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Hearings

1. Liquor license renewal—Paco's Taco's: Vice-chair, Josh Pinkham opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm. The application was in order, with no public input, J. Pinkham closed the hearing at 6:01 pm

III. Call to Order—Vice-chair J.Pinkham called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. V.Pinkham move, Wilbur second Paco's Taco's liquor license renewal. Motion approved 4-0.

VI. Official Action: at J. Pinkham's request, item was moved ahead.

1. Zampa's Ristorante—liquor license amendment: J. Pinkham explained that Zampa is adding two tables, with five chairs each on the deck; no public hearing required. V.Pinkham move, Wilbur second to amend liquor license as requested. Motion approved 4-0.

IV. Communications/Bid opening

1. Bid Opening and award consideration RFP 2009-03 Back Meadow Paving: Three bids received—Hagar Enterprises, Lane Construction, Crooker Construction. Zinser opened the bids in the following order: Crooker—\$215,843.50; Hagar--\$220, 739.80; Lane--\$159, 390.00. Representative from Lane said their bid was cost of overlay only, with a total price of \$214,519.40. Hagar commented that a different number can't be given after the bids are opened. Discussion on whether the bids followed the RFP as written, what would be guaranteed, Stelzer noted that bids should be read based on a common understanding. J.Pinkham suggested table to May 6 meeting. Zinser said he would be in touch on or before that date.
2. Tidewater Telecom: Zinser explained that this was a letter from Tidewater relating their side of rural exemption. The matter had been tabled at the last meeting.
3. Community Cleanup Day—Ron Grenier and Bob Plourd: at the meeting looking for support on May 2 from 9am to noon for clean up to include Damariscotta. Area businesses donate bags, trash pick up, refreshments; about sixty people from Newcastle participate in the clean up. J.Pinkham move, V. Pinkham second to have Community Clean up day on May 2, 2009. Motion approved 4-0.

V. Town Manager Discussion

1. Special Town Meeting 5/27/09 for school voting—Zinser noted that the final warrant for the school is May 6th, the meeting at Great Salt Bay is on May 27 at 6:30pm. The school board takes care of everything related to the meeting/vote.
2. Public Hearing 4/29/09—Shoreland Zone and Harbor Ordinance: Zinser noted the public hearing is to be held at 6 pm. J. Pinkham inquired if the changes were mandated by the state and that Damariscotta was not getting into the problems Newcastle had with Resource Protection district. Zinser—yes, the changes are mandated; no, we are not looking to do what Newcastle did.
3. River Arts CDBG request—10K planning grant—public hearing 4/21/09: Zinser said that River Arts supplied a synopsis of the grant and what they are trying to accomplish. If the town wants to support this, River Arts needs a directive and to hold the public hearing on 4/21 at 6pm. J. Pinkham moved to approve the River Arts CDBG request, V. Pinkham second. Motion approved 4-0.

VII. Selectmen's Discussion Items

1. Budget recap meeting with Budget Committee members: Budget committee members present reported a difference with the Board of Selectmen on \$10K in the Fire Department Reserve. Zinser noted that the recommended budget from the Board of Selectmen increased by \$97,516 over fiscal year '09 and the Budget committee's recommendation increased by \$107,516 over fiscal '09. V. Pinkham inquired about the real estate valuation for fiscal '10. Zinser said work has begun on those figures and first, rough figures would be available for the first board meeting on June 3.

Ann Pinkham requested that the Selectmen consider meeting jointly with the Budget Committee. The provider agencies would have to appear only once instead of twice as they are doing now. V. Pinkham moved meet jointly next year; J. Pinkham second. In discussion, Zinser suggested meeting jointly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. V. Pinkham suggested to stay on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday schedule, one after the other, get it over with. Wallace Schling noted that the committees should vote separately on the budget, however. Motion approved 4-0.

VIII. Old Business

Town report—cover: Zinser reminded the Board that the report goes to print on May 8th and the next meeting is May 6th—probably not enough time to table the decision. V. Pinkham inquired if the historical society or Lincoln County News had archival pictures of old Damariscotta, said she would be

willing to call Natalie House. Stelzer moved to let V. Pinkham choose the historical photograph(s) for the town report cover; Wilbur second. Motion passed 4-0.

IX. Consent Calendar

Regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2009, V.Pinkham move approval, J. Pinkham second, Motion approved 4-0.

Regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2009, V.Pinkham move approval, J. Pinkham second, Motion approved 4-0.

1. General Fund warrant #53 and #54: J.Pinkham move to approve both warrants, V. Pinkham second. Motion approved 4-0.
2. Payroll warrant #52: J. Pinkham move to approve; V. Pinkham second. Motion approved 4-0.

X. Other Business

Stelzer reported that the Harbor Committee had very little changes to the ordinance.

V.Pinkham retracted, with apology, her comment in the previous Board meeting that Wiscasset had no Police Department.

V.Pinkham voiced her concern about Planning Board procedures regarding published agenda items. Specifically, an applicant on the agenda did not show up for the meeting. Abutters had been notified and several appeared at the meeting, only to learn that the application would not be considered due to the need for a variance. Pinkham was concerned that interested parties had not been notified of the change in the agenda. Discussion centered on responsibility, if any, for such notification.

J. Pinkham inquired about the status of the line painting on Main St.; Zinser replied that the stencils are here, paint is due in next week. J. Pinkham noted this covered the issue (for this meeting) of the traffic lights and intersection.

X. Executive Session

1. Executive Session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A, sec.405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. On Motion V.Pinkham/Wilbur to enter executive session; motion approved 4-0; Board entered executive session at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jurate J. Barnes, Deputy Clerk