Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman William Winslow, Selectman Richard St. John, Selectman Achille Belanger, Selectman Raymond Laplante, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Melissa St. John

Public:LRTV, Bridgton News, 2 public

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

Richard Sykes questioned the warrant listing the Selectboard and budget committee agreeing on the amount recommended for town administration ($12,000) and public works ($20,000) budgets.

4. Approval of Warrants #44 & #45

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Financial Warrants #44 & #45 made by Selectman Belanger, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of minutes – April 27, 2017

Motion to accept the April 27, 2017 meeting minutes made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

   a. Bob Celeste – school discussion

Has a problem with the curriculum and what is taught as fact and we are spending $12,353 per student. Would like us to look at other options instead of being in SAD #17. Feels we need to look at what we can do to make it more economical to educate our students. Would like the Board of Selectmen to speak up and get the word out about having discussions about possible options, homeschooling, tuition for students, private schools.

   b. Fee schedule

Discussion to raise the demolition fee to cover costs. Current rate is .08 cents/lb. It is currently costing us 8.8 cents /lb. Looking at the possibility of charging a basic fee for building permits. Request to bring back more information and include not bothering with providing permits for no cost items.
Motion to charge .09/lb for the demolition made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 4-1. Selectman St. John against.

c. Business licenses
   i. Ruby Slipper – live entertainment
   ii. Vacationland Campground – Live entertainment & Pinball
   iii. Greenwood Manor – Bed & Breakfast
   iv. Happiness Is – Inn

Motion made to grant business licenses to the 4 businesses listed made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

d. Liquor licenses – Deertrees Theatre

Motion made to grant a liquor license to Deertrees Theatre made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 5-0.

e. Quit claim deed - Scott and Sandra Dawley, Map 40 Lot 41

Motion made to grant a quit claim deed to Scott & Sandra Dawley made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

Selectman Belanger had to leave for a personal obligation.

8. Other Business

a. Election schedule for June 2017

*Absentee ballots will be available beginning Monday May 15th in the Clerk’s office.
*Tuesday June 6th - the Clerk’s office will be open until 7:00 p.m. for absentee voting and voter registration.
*Thursday June 8th 7:00 p.m at the high school forum, is the school district budget meeting to vote on the article lines for the upcoming school year budget.
*Tuesday June 13th 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. - Election Day at the town office.
*Wednesday June 14th 6:30 p.m. - Town Meeting.

All election information can be found on our website: www.harrisonmaine.org

b. Marriage licenses

The State has implemented a new system for marriage licenses, it can take up to 1 hour to complete the process. Therefore, please plan ahead because marriage licenses are only available during the following times:

Marriage licenses are available Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

It is recommended anyone needing this service please call ahead.

9. Manager’s Report
FY17 Financial Report –

- Through April – This winter followed by a wet spring has been a tough year on the budget. It has been kind of a repeat of a couple of years ago with a winter that wouldn’t end and a spring that may not happen.

- Currently we are still within budget through April but I expect when May and June are completed we will be about 5% over on the municipal operation portion of our budget. This for the most part is due to overruns in the public works budget because of the increased number of plowable storms. If we are not able to offset within the individual operations we will offset it by the reduction of expenditures in other areas. Based on these projections we should end the fiscal year on June 30th about $150K to the good.

FY18 Budget Update –

- All that is left, budget wise and mill rate, to start the FY17 year is the vote of the Town Meeting, the final property evaluation, the filing of the State Assessment form and the setting of the mill rate. While the final mill rate cannot be established until, as it is often said, “It ain’t over till the fat lady sing,“

- The current projection on the mill rate is $10.95 per $100,000 range which would be the same as the current year. This based on the unknown of the The Fiscal Year 2017 budget can be found on the Harrison Web Page - http://www.harrisonmaine.org/ under News & Announcements. The Town Report is at the printers and will be available soon. As noted in the last update I cover various parts of the budget in the updates leading up to the Town Meeting.

Public Works –

- With the arrival of better weather the public works crew and parks crew have been busy playing catch-up with Spring cleaning. I fully expect we will use most of May and much of June doing work that typically we would have done in late March through April. This will make a much shorter road maintenance season though we expect we will accomplish our planned work for the summer in a timely manner.

- The Town Office Parking area has been held up due to the weather. We cannot complete the next step until we have a period of dryer weather and have the ability to have the gravel and loam in place and a scheduled paving of the lot. Hopefully this rainy season is coming to an end.

Parks - Parks has been facing the same issue as Public Works with the weather impeding progress in preparing for summer. We are down to just a couple of weeks to prepare our various cemeteries for Memorial Day and while the grass is more than ready to mow the wet ground prevents us from being able to get to it.

10. Executive Session (if necessary)

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. made by Selectman Winslow 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 4-0.
Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary