



HARRISON SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 6:00P.M.

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman Raymond Laplante, Selectman Penny Bean, Selectman Henry Dumont, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Secretary Denise Dumont, Assessing Agent, John Wentworth

In attendance virtually by computer: Selectman Richard Sykes

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet attached (Chris Searles, Olde Mill Tavern)

1. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank

2. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

3. Approval of Unsigned Warrants #38 - #41 Approved by Signature.

4. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2021 & Special Town Meeting March 25, 2021

**Motion to Approve Minutes of March 11 and Special Town Meeting of March 25 made by S. Laplante 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 4-0**

5. New Business

A) Approve Event Application for Oxford Hills High School Prom (May 15<sup>th</sup> Radr Field)

**Motion to Approve Event Application for Oxford Hills High School Prom to be held at Radr Field made by S. Dumont 2<sup>nd</sup> Bean Approved 4-0**

B) Old Mill Tavern Outdoor seating request

**Motion to approve Old Mill Tavern outdoor seating request to be set up like last year and last from May 1 to November 1 made by S. Dumont 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Laplante Approved 5-0**

C) Recommendation for Violations to go to Legal Council (John)

**Motion to approve recommendation for John to send violations to Legal Council made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 5-0**

6. Old Business

A) Approve Warrant

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$848,750 from Revenue to reduce taxes.

**Motion to Approve Article 14 as written in the amount of \$848,750 from revenue to reduce Taxes Made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Dumont Approved 5-0**

Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$624,999 for Administration.  
**Motion to Approve Article 15 as written in the amount of \$624,999 for Administration made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **YES**

**Reminded by Tim, Town Manager that as one Select Board Member is attending remotely, legally need a role vote for each member so public knows how it was voted.**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$663,941 for the Public Work's Department.  
**Motion to Approve Article 16 as written in the amount of \$663,941 for the Public Work's Department made by S. Laplante 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **YES**

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$145,565 for the Fire Department.  
**Motion to Approve Article 17 as written in the amount of \$145,565 for the Fire Department made by S. Bean, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 4-0, 1 Abstain**  
**S. Laplante Abstain, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$321,771 for Solid Waste Disposal.  
**Motion to Approve Article 18 as written in the amount of \$321,771 for Solid Waste Disposal made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$134,229 for Parks.  
**Motion to Approve Article 19 as written in the amount of \$134,229 for Parks made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$146,369 for Recreation.  
**Motion to Approve Article 20 as written in the amount of \$146,369 for Recreation made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$85,520 for Insurance.  
**Motion to Approve Article 21 as written in the amount of \$85,520 for insurance made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$226,028 for Public Safety.

**Motion to Approve Article 22 as written in the amount of \$226,028 for Public Safety made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bean Approved 5-0**

**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$83,650 for Community Services.

**Motion to Approve Article 23 as written in the amount of \$83,650 for Community Services made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**

**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$179,076 for Code Enforcement/Assessing.

**Motion to Approve Article 24 as written in the amount of \$179,076 for Code Enforcement/Assessing made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Laplante Approved 5-0**

**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$700,000 for Capital Roads.

**Motion to Approve Article 25 as written in the amount of \$700,000 for Capital Roads made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 5-0**

**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500,000 for the Comprehensive Capital Reserve Account.

**Motion to Approve Article 26 as written in the amount of \$500,000 for Comprehensive Capital Reserve Account made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean**

**Motion to Amend Article 26 to reduce the amount by \$224,449 to make the amount \$275,551 made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont after discussion Approved 5-0**

**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**

**Discussion:**

Tim, Town Manager stated that the Select Board at no time said they were not going to fund the Broadband Advisory Committee's request. This is the account it would come out of but is not a line item in the budget. The Select Board stated that they needed more information also before they could fund. They believe it plays an important and necessary part in the community.

Read S. Sykes memo (see Attached)

Tim stated that reducing this amount we will bring down our overlay on the Budget to 0% increase like last year before the school budget came out. We are just waiting on the school budget to see what it will be. He also stated that one of our School Board Representatives who is also on the School Board Budget committee emailed Chairman Frank to inform him that the School Budget at this looks like it might come in around 1% lower than last year.

**Motion to Approve Article 26 as amended with the amount of \$275,551 made by S. Laplante 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **Yes**

**ARTICLE 27:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$108,702** for a second Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Patrol Deputy for 7 days a week coverage.

**Explanation:** *Passage of this article would provide police coverage from our current coverage of 4 days a week to 7 days a week of police coverage. Cost includes total salary, fringe benefits, insurances, safety equipment and computer.*

**Motion to Approve Article 27 as written in the amount of \$108,702 for a second Cumberland County Sherriff's Department Patrol Deputy for 7 days a week coverage made by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Bean Approved 5-0**  
**S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**  
Selectmen Recommend by Vote: **YES**

## 7. Manager's Report

### **Town Manager's Report – April 8, 2021**

#### **1) ADMINISTRATION-**

- a) Interaction with Harrison Citizens and Employees - visits/calls/emails
- b) Worked on Day-to-Day Administration Winter/Spring Transition
- c) Budget

- 2) TOWN CLERK** – Reminder that Nomination papers are due back to the Clerk's Office tomorrow April 9<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 pm. We are encouraging Absentee Ballot voting again this year. Here is the example: **VOTE HEALTHY – VOTE ABSENTEE!**  
Reminder – Municipal Election: June 8, 2021

The Annual Town Meeting is by secret ballot. There are 26 questions plus candidate seats to vote on. There will also be a school ballot. This can take time. You can order an absentee ballot instead of coming to the polling place. Voting from the comfort of home, on your schedule, lets you take as long as you need. For your safety and the safety of the election workers you can still vote and have your vote count with no health worries.

- 3) PUBLIC SERVICES (PUBLIC WORKS/REC/PARKS)** – With winter winding down we are starting to switch our thinking towards spring. We won't begin stripping plow gear for a couple more weeks. We have begun running the York rake and the grader over the dirt roads trying to dry them out. With the fast warm up we are experiencing some muddy sections.

We will begin to grade the road at RADR soon, hoping it dries out so the ball teams and pickle ball folks can begin using the facility again. The generator repair will begin tentatively the third week of April and is expected to take about a week to complete.

- 4) **FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Total Incidents – 38 (see attached for detail) Training – Truck Checks 3-2-2021, Thermal Imaging Cameras and new Rescue 42 Struts on 3-9-21, Maine Fire Services Institute Sprinkler/Alarm Trailer on 3-23-21
- 5) **CODE ENFORCEMENT** – A total of 6 plumbing permits were issued for the month of March.  
Total fees were \$870. \$90 in Town Administration Fees were collected  
The State of Maine's percent of the permit fees was \$217.50 and one \$15 septic tank fee was collected for the state surcharge.  
YTD totals are 23 permits, \$3310 in fees, \$330 in Town Admin. Fees, \$195 in State surcharges, and \$827.50 to for the State of Maine.  
A total of 17 building permits were issued in March for \$3112.20. Two new single-family homes were permitted for a YTD total of 8.  
47 inspections were performed for the month of March.  
YTD totals are \$7,951.05 in fees collected and 92 inspections performed.
- 6) **SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION** – There is no report from the Transfer Station as Rich has been out.
- 7) **RECREATION** - Recreation is gearing up for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have over 1500 eggs filled with goodies and prizes to give away to those that find a golden egg!

Baseball, softball and t-ball registrations are coming in and we will be forming teams and starting practices as soon as the fields are ready.

Summer Rec registrations are coming in at a fast pace and new counselors have been interviewed and ready for hire!

RADR will be the host site of the 2021 OHCHS Junior Senior Prom on May 15<sup>th</sup>!

- 8) **PUBLIC SAFETY-**  
**ACO** – Areas Needing Attention: Registration and Rabies Violation time in progress Waiting on Guidance from State Animal Welfare reference timing due to State of Emergency the Governor has ordered.  
17 Calls in March some are re-visits for follow ups or other issues with same call. This includes quarantines that require multiple visits, trips to shelter and ongoing follow ups and investigation.  
1—Found Dog with transport to shelter  
1— Loose Dog (ran into woods unable to locate)  
1— Loose Dog report (delayed calling in)  
1--- Found Dog (Owner located while I was responding)  
1— Found dog (owner located prior to me responding)  
1--- Follow up to Found Dog  
2--- Missing Dog  
2--- Reports of aggressive loose dog (same dog)  
1--- Loose Cow(s)  
1 – questions regarding horse

1 – Trip for enforcement of loose/aggressive dog

1 – End of quarantine for 4-month quarantine on cat

**Cumberland County Sheriff's Office** – Report for 02/1/21 to 02/28/21 has 129 total incidents, 10 Traffic Violations, 27 Traffic warnings, Cases assigned to Detective Division 2 Death, 1 Domestic Violence, 1 Theft

**ON-GOING PROJECTS**

- A) Broadband Funding
- B) Town Public Works Building
- C) Harrison Village Cemetery
- D) Personnel Items
- E) Annual Town Report
- F) Warrant
- G) Legal Issues

8. Other Business

- A) Reminder: Nomination Papers are due back tomorrow April 9<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 pm

9. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn made at 6:57 pm by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont Approved 5-0  
S. Laplante Y, S. Dumont Y, S. Frank Y, S. Bean Y, S. Sykes Y**

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Denise Dumont, Secretary

# Select Board

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MEMO TO: Town Manager Pellerin

FROM: Richard M. Sykes, Selectman

RE: Broad Band Committee

DATE: April 7, 2021

I am sure the Committee is unhappy with the fact that we did not include a specific budget amount that the Committee requested. Internet accessibility is a critical issue especially since the Covid pandemic. I am supportive of the efforts to increase access to the internet for the citizens of Harrison.

It seems to me that costs associated with their request would come under the Capital account and we could vote to expend an amount from that account.

I believe we should be cautious about jumping too soon. Technology is moving very rapidly in this area. National, state, and private grant monies are on the horizon. The Elon Musk project seems promising.

I had asked the Committee if they had approached SAD 17 for financial assistance. The answer as I recall was that the Committee had only spoken to some Board members but has not requested specific assistance. CARE money received at \$6.7 would seem to be a possible resource. Also, I had suggested several ideas to be implemented quickly. Not sure where those went.

To cable the entire Town of Harrison, and the State for that matter, does not seem likely. To seek funding for an engineer to review a project when there is no project is unrealistic. Grant writing assistance is a possibility.

A grant for just Harrison, it might be better if we coordinate efforts with a larger region.

I am sorry that I will not be attending meeting this Thursday, but the weather is much better down here.