



MINUTES

SPECIAL HARRISON SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 6:00PM

All regular select board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meetings are recorded and posted on the Town Website and on Lake Region Television usually in 2 days.

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation is limited: Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. **Reminder to the attending public:** Select Board meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Chair or Vice Chair only during Public Participation. Comment time is limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Matters related to personnel will not be heard or discussed.

Present: Selectman Matthew Frank, Selectman Richard Sykes, Selectman Philip Devlin, Selectman Frederick Ross, Select Board Member Penny Bean, Town Manager Cass Newell, Secretary Denise Dumont Staff

Staff Present: Town Clerk Kristen MacDonald, Public Services Director Andrew Ward

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet attached

Online by GoTo Meeting: None

I. Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Clerk Kristen MacDonald

II. Call the Meeting to Order by Town Clerk Kristen MacDonald

III. Election of Chair

Motion to Nominate Richard Sykes as Chairman made by S. Ross, 2nd S. Devlin
Approved 4-0

IV. Election of Vice Chair

Motion to Nominate Matt Frank as Vice Chairman made by S. Devlin 2nd S. Sykes
Approved 4-0

V. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

Citizen Renee Joyce stated that there needs to be factors in place so we don't have the same things happen when the budget doesn't pass again which it will do to misinformation.

- 1) An ordinance should be put in place to protect the budget if it does not pass with an interim budget using the previous year's budget numbers.
- 2) Comprehensive plan should be worked on since it has not been done since the 90's and was never accepted by the state. This probably cannot happen now because of the cuts to Administration Budget.
- 3) Campaigning and running for the Select Board you need to remember who you represent. You represent all the taxpayers from richest to poorest. It should not be for your vendetta or your personal agendas that you are working towards. You need to think about what is best for the Town and work together not against one another. What happened with the disagreements between the members and misinformation is shameful and should not have happened. Work together.

Citizen Cathy Laplante stated that she would like to publicly thank Chris Sanborn and Denise Dumont for all of their hard work in making the technology work so her husband and former Select Board member Raymond Laplante would be able to attend the Special Select Board meeting from Budapest Hungary. He worked hard for our Town and he wanted to make sure that things got done to keep the Town running as it should and he was able to be here via computer to vote etc.

VI. Adjustments to the Agenda None

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Unsigned Warrants #52 and #1 - #2 Approved by Signature.

B. Approval of Select Board Minutes – June 16, 2022 & June 30, 2022 Special Meeting
Motion to approve the Select Board minutes for June 16, 2022 and Special Select Board Meeting for June 30, 2022 made by S. Frank, 2nd by S. Devlin no discussion Approved 4-0 (S. Bean abstained)

C. Abatement - Scribners Mill Preservation, Inc. - M16 Lot 4 (tax exempt) (John)
John Wentworth, Assessor's Agent asked to move to the end of the meeting and enter into an Assessors Meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Crystal Lake Dam Discussion (Cass & Andy)

Town Manager Cass Newell gave a description of the leaking Crystal Lake Dam leaking. It has been temporarily slowed but it will need to be repaired. State Dam Engineer came out and assessed what was happening and said that it does need to be repaired and gave recommendations on how it could be done. We are reaching out to see who may be able to repair but the company will need to have an engineer or work with one. So far local companies: Searles Excavation declined, Bancroft Contracting can't even give a quote until next spring. Other companies have suggested one company in Massachusetts or one in Northern Maine. We also have Darryl Sterling and Wright Pierce looking into how they can help and who might be able to do the work.

Citizen Moffett Crowell suggested looking into who repair the Scribners' Mills Dam.

John Wentworth said they were dealing with the State as that one was a State Water issue with Salmon spawning etc.

This is going to be a work in progress.

B. Notice of Caucus, Finance Committee Cumberland County (Cass)

Cumberland County Finance Committee is looking for someone to attend their financial Caucus. It is a formality that we let you know and ask if anyone is interested in attending. If you are you should let Cass know.

C. Purrington Crystal Lake Beach & Tea Room Dedication Discussion (Cass)
(Acquired through donation 1978)

It was brought to Cass' attention that there might not have been any recognition of the Crystal Lake Beach and Tea Room being recognized and dedicated. I have since found out that there is a plaque on one of the rocks commemorating the gift. Still looking into a dedication but it probably would be with grandchildren now.

D. MMA Election ballot handouts (Legislative Policy Committee/VP & Executive Members) (Cass)

This is also just a formality as MMA is asking the Board to Vote on Legislative Policy Committee VP & Executive Members. Let me know if the Board would like to vote and we will put it out with the warrants.

IX. Old Business - None

X. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager's Report – July 19, 2022

1) ADMINISTRATION-

- a) Interaction with Harrison Citizens and Employees - visits/calls/emails
- b) Worked on Day-to-Day Administration
- c) 1st Annual Harrison Community Fair
- d) Crystal Lake Dam

2) PUBLIC SERVICES (PUBLIC WORKS/REC/PARKS) – Public Works has been ditching Summit Hill Road and adding proper drainage and will continue that project through the month of July. We also cleared brush on some side streets to make signs more visible and so branches are not hanging over roadways. As always continuing routine maintenance on all of our equipment. Transfer Station continues to be busy, and they are still helping at RADR with mowing. The Cal Ripken New England Regional Tournament held at RADR is just rapping up.

3) CODE ENFORCEMENT – A total of 12 new building permits were issued for the month of June making 66 do far for the year. 2 were for new, single-family homes in June. 14 Plumbing permits.

41 inspections were done during the month for a YTD total of 148. Walk-in traffic, research for realtors and phone calls as well as assisting residents w/permit applications and site plan review applications continue to keep the office busy.

4) RECREATION - We are in full swing with Summer Rec! We are in the middle of week 3 and had our first field trip since covid on Tuesday and went to Storyland. We had a total of 92 campers and staff.

The tennis courts and basketball court at RADR are being resurfaced and will also include pickleball courts.

We will be hosting the 10U Regional Tournament July 16-21 at RADR field. We hosted the 10U States tournament two weeks ago.

Registrations are open for the Annual Pickleball Tournament at RADR in August.

Our 1st Annual Community Fair was a great success and we have already started planning growth and changes for next year.

We held our Annual 5K Run by the Lake and had 92 runners! This was the first time since covid started that we were able to hold the race.

5) FIRE DEPARTMENT – Total Incidents in June: 27 (see attached). Year-to-Date is 183 (this is n increase of 30 calls from the same time last year) EMS 121, Fire 62. Truck Checks on 6/7/22 - Training 6/13/22 on Fire/Rescue Boat Operations, on 6/21/22 Officers Meeting and on 6/28/22 Department meeting & Cookout.

Misc. – the new boat has been placed in service.

- SCBA fit tests have been completed for all certified personnel.

- We have one new probationary member, Owen Woolley

6) PUBLIC SAFETY-

ACO –

Key Events / Topics Completed (previous month)

- Welfare issue
- Continuing Projects / Upcoming Events (next month)
- Continuing Education
 - Planning for animal welfare event

External Town Activity / Interaction / Cooperation

Outgoing Agency Assists To: 1. CCSO

Incoming Agency Assists From: None

Mutual Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Naples

Statistics for June: 3 - Missing Animals, 2 – Court Violations/Seizures/Admin, 2 – Dead/Injured/Ill Animals, 1 – Aggressive Animals, 3 – Stray/Roaming Cats, Total 17 incidents

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office – Report for 06/01/22 to 06/30/22. 139 total incidents. 12 Traffic Citations, 37 Traffic Warnings, Cases Assigned to Detective Division: Theft Investigation -2 (&1 Cleared)

XI. Select Board Items

S. Frank would like to thank Raymond Laplante for all his hard work on the Board for all these years. Welcome Penny Bean to the Select Board.

S. Sykes it is obvious that we cannot keep going the way we have. He would like to add to the next meetings agenda

1) to talk about reviewing ordinances & policies on a regular basis may be 1 policy per meeting an updating it having them make sense.

2) In order to be transparent think about where we post the agenda beside on the website and in the vestibule. Maybe post outside the office or post office (not a place to post outside where weather will not get to it) (State Law dictates that Post Office has to post public hearing, warrants etc. but would get lost on other bulletin boards and they are open almost the same exact hours)

3) Fuel oil is rising \$5 -\$6 a gallon this winter and there is a strain and pressure on people and a general assistance strain. Anything can do?

S. Devlin stated he thinks that it is a good idea to set goals and set aside priorities that we think we can accomplish. Perhaps in September we can set some goals to improve the Board and Town and discuss things. Or perhaps have workshops.

XII. Executive Session – 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) Personnel Matter
& 1 MRSA §405(6)(F) Discussion of confidential records/1 MRSA §405(6)(H)
Consultation w/Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter

**Motion to move to Executive Session 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) Personnel Matter & 1 MRSA §405(6)(F) Discussion of confidential records/1 MRSA §405(6)(H) Consultation w/Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter made by S. Devlin, 2nd S. Frank
Approved 5-0**

**Motion to exit Executive Session made at 7:50 pm made by S. Frank, 2nd S. Devlin
Approved 5-0**

XIII. Reminder next meetings Thursday, August 4, 2022 Assessors Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2022 Select Board Meeting

XIV. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn Select Board Meeting and enter in Assessors Meeting at 8:00 pm
made by S. Ross, 2nd S. Devlin Approved 5-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sykes, Chairman

Denise Dumont, Secretary

Select Board

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Talk Time

Organizer

Attendees

100%

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29 mins . 52%

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