

## **REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2021**

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, plus administrator Amanda Campbell, were together in the Town Office. Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were also five members of the public in attendance on Zoom. This was another short meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2021 were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- **Assessing Items:** Amanda provided background information and proposed solutions for a number of issues, mostly administrative, including the following.
  - One resident who didn't get credit for his veteran's exemption. The Board approved a payment of about \$50, since property tax had already been paid.
  - One resident who requested clarification of an increase in valuation dating back to 2015. Review of the records showed that a number of second structure outbuildings had been included on both cards resulting in a significant valuation increase. The Board approved an abatement for 2020 tax year. The Town record was corrected going forward.
  - The Board reviewed an abatement request for a reduction in land value based on the recent purchase price. Amanda brought data on nearby properties explaining that the current valuation was consistent with other properties in the same area. The Board disapproved the request.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- Department of Marine Resources (DMR) notified the town of renewal of 12 LPA licenses in Robinhood Cover. They also advised of one new LPA license application and one complete Standard Aquaculture Lease application.
- Amanda advised that funding requests were received from New Hope Midcoast (formerly New Hope for Women) and Maine Public. Both filed for FAC use when they develop next year's budget.

### COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES:

- **Solid Waste:** Bronwen said the Solid Waste Committee wants to thank volunteers for getting the Mall up and running again and for continuing to support it.
- **Cemetery:** Jon noted the new fence installed at the cemetery.
- **Recreation:** Jon noted that the holiday events, including tree lighting, all went very well. Ariel Eee said the Committee is investigating use of funds left-over from entrance fees or funds raised for other non-profits. Amanda said she will follow up with budget folks. But it appears any funds received this way must go to the general fund.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

- Rich said the Holiday in the Harbor events were a big success. He also noted that the GCC had delivered 160 meals at the “anti-social dinner” last Saturday. And he noted that the house decoration contest ends next Saturday.
- Bronwen said that she has been coordinating with Steven Mace about clarifying responsibilities in the Wharf lease. She proposes to meet with Gina to insure there is a clear understanding before the lease document goes for legal review.

OLD CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Broadband: During Public Comment Terry Taylor provided a brief summary of current progress on the construction status. He also indicated that Axiom is seeking a part-time technician who lives in Georgetown and can respond quickly to problems once the network is operational. It was recommended that the position be advertised on local websites.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parking Permission: The Town received a request from Grey Havens to use the First Church for parking of wedding guests the afternoon of June 25, 2022. The wedding will provide a shuttle. The Board approved the request.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

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<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Thursday, December 23	Town Office CLOSED all day		For Christmas holiday

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The Board agreed not to meet December 28 unless there is urgent business. The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 . The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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Note: This is my final set of notes from the Selectboard meetings.