

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2009**

Selectmen Present were: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, Richard M. McLaughlin, H. Bob Plausse, Cathy Hardy and E. Earle Brown

1. Citizen's/Selectmen's Forum:

None.

2. Executive Session:

Motion by Hardy, second by Brown, to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(E) for consultation with the Town Attorney concerning the MacDiarmid Bankruptcy. **Vote: 5-0.**

Upon returning to open session, **Motion** by Plausse, second by McLaughlin, to adjourn the executive session. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Plausse, to allow the Town Attorney and Town Administrator in consultation with the Chairman of the Board to engage a bankruptcy lawyer as necessary provided prompt notification to the other Board members is made. **Vote: 5-0.**

3. Executive Session:

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, to enter into executive session for the purpose of hearing applications for property tax abatement due to poverty and/or disability pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(F) and Title 36 Section 841(2)(E). **Vote: 5-0.**

Upon returning to open session, **Motion** by Plausse, second by Brown, to adjourn the executive session. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by Hardy, second by Plausse, to convene as Board of Assessors. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, to approve abatement (2009-20) in the amount of \$351 for the Heirs of Wendell Smith to correct an error in the record as recommended by the Assessors' Agent. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by Brown, to adjourn the Board of Assessors meeting and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Brown, to grant Abatement A in the amount of \$597.87 pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 841(2) for this year and to suggest the applicant seek reverse mortgage counseling. **Vote: 5-0.**

Motion by Plausse, second by McLaughlin, to grant Abatement B in the amount of \$1,800 pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 841(2) for this year. **Vote: 5-0.**

4. Administrator's Report:

Kinney reported:

- That Manager of the Mid Coast Solid Waste Corporation requested a revised motion and vote be taken to clarify the disposal fee increase.

Motion by Brown, second by Hardy, that the Board vote to increase by 50% the user fees for trash disposal, as recommended by the MCSWC Board of Directors, effective on or before April 1, 2009. **Vote: 5-0.**

- That he has received several complaints about the signage placed along Routes 1 and 173 by MDOT for the ferry project. All agreed that the locations seemed inappropriate.

Motion by McLaughlin, second by Hardy, to have the Town Administrator request of the MDOT that the signs be removed or relocated to a more appropriate location (nearer the project and off Routes 1 and 173). **Vote: 5-0.**

- That he has been informed that CMP and ABC will be leaving town and focusing their efforts on Islesboro for the foreseeable future.

Motion by Gerry, second by Brown, to instruct CMP/ABC to cleanup the areas already cut before commencing work in additional areas. **Vote: 5-0.**

- That he has been contacted numerous times about the trash surrounding and the general condition of the Symington rental property at the intersection of the Hope Road and Main Street. The Town is trying to resolve the matter with the property owner but to date the owner has missed one promised deadline. Another agreed upon deadline is approaching (April 4, 2009). If the work has not been completed by that time options for cleanup will be presented to the Board at their April 13th meeting.
- That the Department of Motor Vehicles will be conducting an audit of motor vehicle registrations.
- That the lawyer for the School Committee has drafted a letter to be submitted to the Attorney General's Office concerning the funds remaining in the Capital Campaign. Kinney provided each Board member with a copy. This will be an agenda item at the next Board meeting.
- Kinney briefed the Board on the status of the search for an Administrative Assistant. Kinney to provide the Board with more detailed information at the Board's next meeting.

Kinney and Chief Young reviewed the illegal dumping allegations on Bay View Trail and Crowley Road with the Board.

Kinney and Chief Young presented the Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Recovery Program grant opportunity available under the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009. In essence the grant program allows for the hiring of additional law enforcement officer(s) for a four year period. For the first three years all costs are paid for through the grant program. In the fourth year the costs are 100% local. This program can not be used to replace currently funded positions but rather is in addition to those positions. After extensive discussion of the merits and implications of applying, **Motion** by Hardy, second by McLaughlin, to not apply for the Community Oriented Policing Services grant. **Vote: 5-0.**

5. Adjourn:

Motion by Gerry, second by McLaughlin to adjourn. **Vote 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kinney
Town Clerk