

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
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Selectmen Present: James S. Henderson, Mark E. Wallace and Chairman Amy N. Haible

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; and Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator

Chairman Haible opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Haible encouraged the public to give the Carrying Place Assembly group respect and listen to their presentation. Since Chairman Haible attended meetings of the group and signed the letter of request to the Board, she turned the chairing of the meeting over to Selectman Henderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Selectman Henderson stated the purpose of the meeting to hear information and not to make any decision tonight. Selectman Henderson stated that Chairman Haible will remain at the Board's table for purposes of hearing the presentation unless someone objects; no one did. Selectman Henderson introduced Gordon Weil, former Selectman, to provide highlights of the history surrounding how the boundary line between Brunswick and Harpswell was negotiated in 1998.

Gareth Anderson, of the Carrying Place Assembly, objected to Mr. Weil speaking before the Assembly's presentation.

Gordon Weil provided a summary timeline regarding the existing boundary (attached as further reference). Mr. Weil stated that Harpswell and Brunswick entered into the boundary line agreement in good faith in 1998 and it was approved by the Legislature; the agreement needs to be honored.

Gareth Anderson introduced the Assembly's members and stated that Harpswell suffered a huge loss in 1998 and that the error will be shown tonight. Malcolm Whidden, Jr. and Samuel Alexander made presentations regarding the discrepancies with the 1998 boundary line. Attached for further reference is "A History of the Northern Boundary of Harpswell, Maine" prepared by the Carrying Place Assembly laying out its position.

Members of the public asked questions and made statements.

Selectman Henderson asked Samuel Alexander what exactly the Assembly wanted to bring to Town Meeting. Mr. Alexander asked that a warrant article be brought to Town Meeting asking if the voters want to re-negotiate the Harpswell/Brunswick boundary on Rt. 123.

John Loyd stated the 1998 line is the boundary line and the issue can only be reopened if both Brunswick and Harpswell go to the legislature together.

Selectman Henderson stated the Board will review the information provided and discuss this issue at a future meeting.

Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to approve warrant 43 in the amount of \$12,664.27.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer