

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

Staff Present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; Debora Turner, Assessing Agent; and Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

The meeting was videotaped for later rebroadcast on Harpswell Community Television.

Chairman Haible opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve the agenda as printed; motion passed 3-0.
2. **Set the Mill Rate:** Debora Turner reviewed the mill rate calculation sheet; total valuation, net to be raised and explained the Board needs to determine the mill rate and the amount of overlay for potential abatements. The Board discussed that in the past the Board has settled on the middle projected mill rate and this year there were neighborhood adjustments, potentially requiring more overlay. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to set the mill rate at \$6.19/thousand with the overlay amount of \$155,575.00; motion passed 3-0.
3. **Maine Municipal Bond Bank Repayment Schedule:** Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer, explained that due to the LD 1 limits, she recommended a repayment schedule for the \$500,000 emergency vehicles bond of \$25,000 in each of the first two years, \$75,000 in years 3 and 4 and \$50,000 in years 5 through 10. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Chairman Haible to adopt the repayment schedule as outlined by the Treasurer; motion passed 3-0.

Administrator Eiane reported the Harpswell Festival is planning to re-schedule the fireworks display on August 23, the same time as the Fishing Families dinner; the Board agreed. Administrator Eiane reported that Selectman Wallace spoke with staff and investigated an option of installing a seal in the Bailey Island well instead of hiring the consultant at this time; the Board agreed for now as long as the well continues to be tested. The Board agreed to sign the appointment sheet of Louis Levesque, sealer of weights and measures; signed the DOT rural road initiative form; and reviewed purchase orders exceeding \$1,000 in value.

Chairman Haible reported of an earlier meeting with DEP regarding the remediation of pollution at Mitchell Field and how DEP is looking to increase the deed restriction from 450 gallons per day to 9,000 gpd. Chairman Haible requested the Board consider setting a date to meet with Mitchell Field Implementation Committee, abutters and DEP with an update at the next meeting. Chairman Haible also stated a meeting with the congressional delegation is needed to find funding for the Mitchell Field pier analysis.

Selectman Henderson stated he attended a wharf hearing for the Lees on Neil's Point and from what he observed, there were no problems with the proposal. If the other two members would like to review in his absence, it is acceptable to Selectman Henderson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer