

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 2008**  
**Harpswell Town Office**  
Approved on November 20, 2008

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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; William Wells, Code Enforcement Officer and Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. to handle administrative matters; the Board scheduled a discussion regarding the Hildreth Road tax-acquired property for the November 20 Selectmen's meeting; December 2 at 5:00 p.m. was scheduled for the Water & Septic presentation; tentative dates were discussed for a workshop with the Marine Resources Committee and the Board requested DMR Deputy Commissioner David Etnier attend; a memo from the Town Planner was handed out; a summary of the Cribstone Bridge utility work and costs was handed out; the Board was informed of the receipt of two bids on the Tide Mill Cove Landing project; a holding tank application and a purchase order exceeding \$1,000 were signed.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was videotaped and broadcast live on Harpswell Community Television.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to replace item 4 with an announcement from Mary Ann Nahf, and to remove item 13; motion passed 3-0.

**2. Town Administrator's Report:** Town Administrator, Kristi Eiane, thanked the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and all the election workers for their hard work. 82 % of Harpswell voters voted with 39% voting by absentee. Administrator Eiane reported she, Selectman Wallace, Bob Venard, Road Commissioner, and representatives from Crooker & Sons and RA Webber & Sons met this morning regarding the upcoming winter snow-plowing season. Using minimal amounts of materials on the roads was discussed including only using salted sand on hills, intersections and corners on Town roads (excluding the DOT roads). Additionally, the snow plow contractors will work to minimize impacts from the snow plow blades outside the right-of-way. Administrator Eiane stated that the importance of public education about driving slow during inclement weather was discussed.

**3. Selectmen's Announcements:** Chairman Haible thanked the Town Clerk and election workers for their hard work during this election.

**4. Old Business:** Mary Ann Nahf, chair of the Conservation Commission, announced that the draft Open Space plan presentation is scheduled for November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Harpswell Islands School. Copies of the plan will be available on the website and at the local libraries soon.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Marguerite Kelly, Town Treasurer, reviewed her report for October's financial activities (attached).

**6. Mitchell Field Committee Update:** Judith Redwine, chair of the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee, stated the Committee's short and long term goals. Ms. Redwine reviewed that the Committee would like to establish a sub-committee for developing performance and zoning standards for the business area and the Board agreed to its mission statement. Selectman Henderson encouraged the Committee to review the Washburn & Doughty file.

**7. Public Hearing Stevens Junkyard, Map 46, Lot 31:** Chairman Haible moved, seconded Selectman Wallace to open the hearing; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible stated the Board met at the site at 5:00 p.m. for a public hearing and only the Board, Bill Wells and the owner were present. Bill Wells, Code Enforcement

Officer, recommended approval of the application with the condition that the application be amended to include the requirement of a log showing when vehicles were obtained and the fluids removed. There were no public comments. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to close the hearing. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve the application with the recommended amendment to the application; motion passed 3-0.

**8. Carrying Place Assembly:** Samuel Alexander provided a history of the Carrying Place Assembly's group research and the Group's belief that the 1998 Town line agreement with Brunswick established the Town line in the incorrect location. Mr. Alexander stated that the 1998 Agreement took over 300 acres intertidal and 40 acres upland from the Town of Harpswell. Mr. Alexander requested the Board place this item on the March 2009 Town Meeting and handed out a proposed article. Mr. Alexander clarified the article's intent is to apply to the State for 3 State court experts to investigate the issue. Selectman Henderson offered to work on the proposed article for clearer language. The Carrying Place Assembly will be scheduled to attend a future Budget Advisory Committee meeting since the proposed article proposes to raise and appropriate \$20,000.

**9. Appointments:** Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to appoint Chris Duval to the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to appoint Fernando "Fred" Cantu (Recycling Center/Transfer Station Manager) as Deputy Fire Warden; motion passed 3-0.

**10. Approval of Emergency Vehicle Contract: Remount:** Chairman Haible stated the contract has been reviewed by legal counsel and the Harpswell Neck Fire Dept. Northeast Emergency Apparatus LLC was selected as part of a bid process. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Chairman Haible to approve the contract for the chassis remount; motion passed 3-0.

**11. Consider Fee Recommendations:** Chairman Haible reviewed the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendations to increase mooring fees (resident and taxpayer from \$12 to \$18, non-resident from \$60 to \$90 and rental from \$50 to \$70), tire disposal fees (all sizes by \$2) and to establish fees in the Town Clerk's office (\$1 for replacement mooring decals, duplicate shellfish licenses and voter registration cards; \$1 per signature for notarization of more than 2 signatures; and \$5 for attested copies). A notice of the proposed fees was posted on the Town's website, in the recent Bulletin and was unable to be posted on HCBC due to the channel being off the air. Chairman Haible requested monitoring the tire disposal levels to see if it decreases with the fee increase. Selectman Henderson requested the voter registration card be clarified; that it is not a charge when you register to vote but for a special registration card that some use as proof of identity. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to adopt the fee recommendations with an effective date of January 1, 2009; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible requested a handout be available to mooring holders explaining the costs involved and showing what other towns charge.

**12. Acceptance of Heating Assistance and Summer Swim Donations:** Chairman Haible read the donors' names for the summer swim program and the heating assistance program and moved to accept the monetary donations. Selectman Wallace seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

### **13. Removed**

**14. Consider Abatements:** Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve the \$32,100 abatement in assessed value for Emile and Joan Chonko; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to approve the \$42,100 abatement in assessed value for Arthur Dodge and Rebecca Stanley; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Selectman Wallace to approve the \$43,300 abatement in assessed value for Exco, Inc.; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Wallace moved,

seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve the \$12,200 abatement in assessed value for the Heir of Alfred B. Toothaker; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Chairman Haible to approve the \$57,800 abatement in assessed value for George & Sharon Deyett; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to assess a supplemental to Arthur Dodge and Margaret Woodruff for \$42,100 in assessed value; motion passed 3-0. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to deny Armand and Anne Bouchard's abatement request; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Chairman Haible to deny Erwin Kent's abatement request; motion passed 3-0. The Board set November 13 at 1:30 p.m. as an abatement review workshop with the Assessing Office. Chairman Haible moved, seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve Donald Saxton's abatement requests for 2006 and 2007 in the amounts of \$105,900 and 105,900 respectively; motion passed 3-0.

**15. Authorization of the Warrant:** Chairman Haible, seconded by Selectman Henderson to approve warrant #68 in the amount of \$813,732.55; motion passed 3-0. Selectman Henderson moved, seconded by Chairman Haible to approve warrant #69 in the amount of \$3,713.05; motion passed 2-0 (Selectman Wallace abstained). Payroll warrant #45 in the amount of \$14,096.21 was noted for the record.

**16. Approval of the Minutes:** The two sets of minutes from the previous two meetings were tabled to allow the Board time to review them.

**17. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**18. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri-Lynn Sawyer

Attachments: Treasurer's Report  
Draft Carrying Place Assembly article