

Town of Chebeague Island

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting **Wednesday August 1, 2007**

Selectman chairman, Mark Dyer called the August 1, 2007 meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Chebeague to order at 7:25 PM. The meeting was held in the meeting room at the Public Safety Building. All five selectmen and 3 members of the public were present. (Dave Stevens, Bill Munroe, and Marjorie Munroe)

The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting as posted was to consider the appointment of members of four committees which are required per ordinances accepted at Town Meeting on July 1, 2007. The committees include: Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Coastal Waters Commission and Shellfish Conservation Committee. A community wide mailing had requested residents interested in serving on these committees to make their wishes known. Many people had applied to serve on the committees, with some people volunteering to serve on multiple committees if needed.

The Chair asked the Selectmen and the public if they had thoughts on how the Town should proceed with the appointments. The possibility of an executive session had been advertised pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to consider appointment to the previously mentioned boards was discussed. Selectman Maine felt that the Board needed to consider criteria for appointment before entering into executive session. David Stevens commented that the Selectmen know all of the applicants and should chose the best people for each committee. At that point the members of the public who were present decided to leave so that the Selectmen could deliberate.

The Board did not go into executive session at this time, but had a general discussion about how to proceed and if the process chosen would set a precedent. The discussion included but was not limited to trying to place each interested candidate on one board and trying to build boards, which represented various constituencies in the community.

At 8:45 PM Selectman Maine moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss appointments to the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Appeals, the Coastal Waters Commission and the Shellfish Conservation committee. Selectman Hamilton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

At 8:58 PM Selectman Maine moved to come out of executive session. Selectman Rich seconded. The vote to come out of executive session was unanimous.

Once again the Selectmen discussed the importance of having balanced boards representing various interests in the community. Discussion of the importance of having

members of the planning board with differing views regarding development issues was discussed.

Selectman Maine moved and Selectman Hamilton seconded that the terms for the appointed board members be staggered by randomly choosing numbers from a box. Unanimous.

The following is a list of the committees, the committee members and the length of each member's initial appointment which was determined by lot.

Planning Board:

Selectman Maine moved, Selectman Hamilton seconded and the Board voted unanimously to appoint the following residents to the Planning Board:

Jane Frizzell (3), Sandra Birkett (3), Beth Howe (2), Ernest Burgess (2), Mabel Doughty (2), Thomas Adams (1), Tad Runge (1).

Board of Adjustment and Appeals:

Selectman Hamilton moved, Selectman Rich seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint the following residents to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals:

Donna Colbeth (3), Peter Rice (3), Dave Stevens (2), Milo Matrazzo (2), John Wilson(1).

Coastal Waters Commission:

Selectman Rich moved, Selectman Maine seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint the following residents to the Coastal Waters Commission:

Winthrop Houghton, Jr., (3), Paul Belesca (3), Kenneth Hamilton (2), James Millinger (2), Jeffrey Putnam (1).

Shellfish Conservation Committee:

Selectman Hamilton moved, Selectman Rich seconded, and Board voted unanimously to appoint the following residents and non-resident taxpayers to the Shellfish Conservation Committee:

Robert Earnest (3), Gary Ross (3), Marianne Brenton (2), Vacant (2)*, Cecil Amos Doughty (1).

*The selectmen decided to leave one seat vacant on the Shellfish Conservation Committee, because other candidates who had expressed interest in this committee had been appointed to other committees and the Board decided to stay with their initial guideline of appointing a resident to only one of these committees that are required by statute. Selectmen Hamilton and Rich were requested to talk with members of the community with clamming experience to find a volunteer and to report back with the name of a candidate so that the position could be filled at the next meeting of the Selectmen.

*The Selectmen discussed notification of appointees and determined that a letter would be send to each. It was mentioned that Administrator Grenier had prepared a draft letter. The Selectmen decided to discuss the issue of serving as a liaison to committees at a later date.

New Business:

Selectman Maine presented Chairman Dyer with a written review of the interest rates for delinquent taxes, overpayment of taxes and abatements. The chairman will review Selectman Maine's observation and the issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Chair presented Administrator Grenier's request for reimbursement and compensation for the period from June 1-June 30 pursuant to the MOU passed at Town Meeting.

(Selectman Hamilton left to run the boat at 9:30 PM.)

The Board discussed the frequency of financial reporting and wondered if at some point they will be signing warrants authorizing payment of bills. No one was really sure how this worked or if we need to do it, so it was decided to talk about this at a future meeting when the administrator was present and we would have more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM on a motion by Selectman Maine and a second by Selectman Rich?

Respectfully submitted,

Selectman Donna Miller Damon
Acting as Secretary Protem