

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Annual Town Meeting
Gym at the Community Center
Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Gym at the Community Center. 49 citizens signed in as attending.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Gunnlaugsson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. 2011 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Copies were provided of the 2011 Minutes. Chairman Gunnlaugsson read the Meeting minutes.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kathleen Morris, second by Robert Bjarnarson to approve the minutes of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report presentation by Karen Kerber, Kerber, Rose and Associates: Karen Kerber reviewed the audit results with the meeting attendants.
 - o Karen stated an unqualified opinion was obtained by the Town which means it is the highest level of assurance to be obtained. All of the information requested was furnished and all underlying documentation furnished was consistent with the numbers she was providing.
 - o After her presentation there were no questions from the attendants.
6. Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Joan Blair, second by Ham Rutledge to approve the submitted 2011 Financial Report. Motion carried.
7. Any other Town Business which may be introduced and acted upon per Wis. Stat. 60.10: No business was introduced at this meeting.
8. Setting date for 2013 Annual Town Meeting according to Wis. Stat. 60.11 (2)(b).
 - Motion by John Rader, second by Linda Taylor to set the 2013 Annual Town Meeting for April 23rd, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Public Input:
 - Martin Andersen stated something should be done about the Town Fishing/Boat launch facilities including lighting, parking.
 - Gordon Jaeger questioned what the Town was doing about the recent break-ins on the Island. Gunnlaugsson stated there is a reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.
10. Board Member Comments: No Board Members comments were offered at this time.
11. Oath of Office for Town Officers: Chairman Gunnlaugsson issued the Oath of Office to reelected incumbent Supervisor Elizabeth Holmes, and incoming elected Supervisor Kirby Foss.

12. Town Chairman Remarks: Chairman Gunnlaugsson gave a review of the State of Island:

- Gunnlaugsson started by thanking all those who work Full time and Part time or volunteer in support of the Town.
- New Salt Shed at the Town Shop has been completed.
- New windows at the Town Shop were replaced.
- New water supply at Jackson Harbor.
- New truck for Town Crew to replace an old, failing truck.
- Shouldering on Jackson Harbor Road
- Dredging Spoils from Coast Guard resulted in income to the Town.
- Ferry Channel dredging will create an opportunity for jobs and revenue to the Town. The road used to haul dredging will be repaired within this project.
- County will finish paving on Jackson Harbor Road next year due to the activity from the dredging.
- Harbor Master Plan is being developed with a \$30,000.00 grant to fund the plan for Detroit Harbor. While there is a \$30,000.00 'match' on the Town's behalf, there is a \$30,000.00 CDBG grant that is non-matching which will satisfy the Town's match portion of the Harbor Master Plan grant.
- Town continues to seek out the water access points for the Town. A grant will be applied for to fund the improvements at these points.
- We are financially solvent at +/- 44% of our operating budget. Gunnlaugsson is open for any and all opinions for improvements with the following being ideas:
 - Paved Shoulders on Town Line Road
 - Pavilion and additional parking at Schoolhouse Beach
 - Mountain Park Restrooms
 - Red Barn improvements
 - Community Center/Rutledge Room and kitchen remodel
 - ADA compliancy for Community Center bathrooms.
- Landfill issues including user fees and scales will continue to be discussed.
- Currently working with RCAP and USDA to resolve the Utility District issues. Looking at a system that will take both Holding Tank and Septic Tank waste.
 - Nancy Thiele asked about the paving on Jackson Harbor Road.
 - Betty Shellswick asked about any improvements to be made at Sand Dunes Park and Homestead Road.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Al Thiele, second by John Rader to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Carpenter
Town Clerk
Town of Washington