

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, April 8, 2021
6:00 PM

Richard Murray III
 Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke
 Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter called the Select Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Department head reports: Library Director Jennifer Spofford provided an overview of the summer reading program. Public Works Director Lester France discussed spring clean up status. Fire Chief Andy Dufresne reviewed the March calls for service, training and fleet maintenance. He also provided updates on vaccination clinics in Fryeburg. Recreation Director Rick Buzzell gave an overview of spring sports, summer camp planning, and the teen center. Police Chief Aaron Mick noted that he is receiving a lot of traffic complaints and they are taking action. He conveyed that Officer Lee has resigned.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021, which was seconded by Dutton. Clarke noted a correction. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2022 budget recommendations and voted as follows:

	<i>FY 2022</i>	<i>Select Board Vote</i>	<i>Motion/Second</i>	
Administration	\$ 523,263	5-0	Kingsbury/Dutton	
Select Board	\$ 14,910	5-0	Klinepeter/Clarke	
Planning Board	\$ 3,500	5-0	Dutton/Kingsbury	
Economic& Community Development	\$ 1,000	5-0	Kingsbury/Dutton	
Appeals Board	\$ 500	5-0	Kingsbury/Dutton	
Conservation Committee	\$ 5,000	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Broadband Committee	\$ 5,000	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Bicycles, Walkways, Trails Com	\$ 1,000	5-0	Clarke/Kingsbury	
Parks, Opens Space, Beaut. Com	\$ 1,000	5-0	Clarke/Kingsbury	
Professional Services	\$ 46,000	5-0	Kingsbury/Murray	
General Assistance	\$ 10,000	5-0	Dutton/Kingsbury	
Recreation	\$ 130,118	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Library	\$ 96,724	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Police	\$ 694,398	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Fire Department	\$ 230,678	4-0-1	Kingsbury/Clarke	Klinepeter abstained
Saco Valley Fire Department	\$ 32,725	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Rescue	\$ 92,849	5-0	Clarke/Kingsbury	
Civil Services	\$ 151,368	5-0	Clarke/Kingsbury	
Parks	\$ 15,900	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Solid Waste	\$ 485,289	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	

Debt Service	\$ 17,436	5-0	Clarke/Kingsbury	
Public Works	\$ 717,937	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Miscellaneous	\$ 235,628	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	
Capital	\$ 285,200	5-0	Kingsbury/Clarke	

There was discussion and consideration on how to use credit reserve funds. Klinepeter explained the history of the credit reserve funds and the rationale for the increase in reserve and expressed a desire to establish a method use the funds responsibly while maintaining a safe balance. Clarke does not think the credit reserve fund should drop below 1 million. Klinepeter noted that he and Haley had spoken and also agree that 1 million is a good balance. Haley noted that the bids for Stanley Hill Road reconstruction were opened and that the bids came in less than anticipated and that means less money will need to be used from credit reserve for that purpose.

Clarke expressed that she believes credit reserve funds should be used for improving infrastructure that has been neglected, notably sidewalks and the former Registry of Deeds building. This led to a discussion about the upcoming effort to create a capital improvement plan and the timing of that process. There was continued discussion about sidewalks and how to plan and prioritize sidewalk repairs. Murray noted that it may cost the Town more if the sidewalks are not properly repaired or maintained due to a lawsuit. Clarke thinks that action should be taken to make progress on sidewalks and to not keep putting it off. There was discussion about a specific length of sidewalk from Dana St to Elm St.

Klinepeter would like to use \$200,000 from credit reserve to buy down the tax rate. After further discussion, Clarke made a motion to have a warrant article asking to use \$200,000 from credit reserve to offset the mil rate. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Clarke made a motion to have a warrant article asking to use \$100,000 from credit reserve to repair/improve existing sidewalks and/or to remove abandoned sidewalks in the village area. The motion was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke proposed, via a motion, a warrant article to include on the town meeting warrant as follows:

To authorize the Town to renegotiate the lease with the Eastern Slopes Airport Authority for a term of 40 years under such terms and conditions as the town deems appropriate in order to maximize the use of the airport as an asset for the town, while adding additional measures to ensure the preservation and protection of the land around it, taking into account input from a special committee for by the town for this express purpose.

The motion was seconded by Kingsbury. Clarke noted that the airport is one of the towns greatest assets and a balance needs to be sought to protect the ecologically significant land around the airport. She proposed a 40-year lease as it corresponds with the timeframe of the town approved subleases and would not require the airport to come back for leases. This would also allow for an opportunity to resolve issues and decide on the best management of the land by rewriting the lease. Klinepeter opposes this; he noted that the ongoing projects should be completed before proposing a lease extension. Clarke thinks we need to have certain parameters set before taking on projects. The motion passed 4-1 (Klinepeter opposed).

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Map 18, Lot 21-A, Robert J Rose Revocable Trust in the amount of \$390.42, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Map 40, Lot 1, Kaiser Kamp Trust in the amount of \$1,263.60, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to release Map 048, Lot 3 (81 Woodland St.) to Jennifer Reed and Paula O'Connor, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. This is a foreclosed property that was fully paid off and repurchased by the owner.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Gena Spencer to the Conservation Committee, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Jennifer Layne-Eastman to the Park, Open Space and Beautification Committee, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$13,000 Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant for the Eastern Slopes Regional Airport, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Haley explained the various operating type expenses that this can be used for. It was noted that the bookkeeper monitors the grant reporting requirements.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$50,000 donation from the Fryeburg Fair, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept a \$50 Dunkin Donuts Gift card to the Police Department from Clyde Watson, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a proposal to change the Transfer Station hours. The proposal is to open a half hour early (at 6:30). The attendants will work 6 to 4. There was a discussion about the closing duties and how long it takes. France commented that he has seen people lined up to get into the Transfer Station well before 7 am. Clarke made a motion to revise the Transfer Station hours as proposed, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to adopt resolve that the Town, pursuant to Paragraph U(2) of the lease dated March 2, 2021 entered into between the Town and the Eastern Slopes Airport Authority, hereby consents to the granting by Eastern Slopes Airport Authority of a leasehold mortgage to be given to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Dutton commented on Redzone Broadband and that it needs to be made a priority. Clarke made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Dutton inquired about the Rt. 302/Rt. 5 island. Haley confirmed that there will be an island there post-construction. Murray commented about having to wait for a Transfer Station attendant to cross the scales; he thought that was supposed to be manned regularly. France said that it was likely that a can was being changed which is why an attendant was not present. Clarke asked for an overview of the Planning Board public hearing about the marijuana ordinances. Klinepeter relayed that the Planning Board voted to proceed with a warrant article to propose changes to the marijuana ordinances to allow retail stores. Clarke also wondered if attendance would be better if we had Town meeting on a Saturday. There was discussion about this. Kingsbury commented about the future construction of a state of the art gun range. Klinepeter noted that he has flagged the pole on River St where to proposed no parking zone will begin. He also asked people to clean up their dog poop and to put the bags in the trash.

Public Forum: Nels Liljedahl was present on behalf of the Conservation Committee and spoke about the Round Pond area and the biodiversity and unique species that are present in that area. He commented that the airport does not have a good track record for managing the land in that area. He has spoken to Marybeth Richardson at the DEP about the conditions of approval for the airport project and noted that there is a condition related to mitigation and transferring of land or the payment of a fine. He wants to see

an analysis of how much land the airport needs and notes that perhaps a committee could complete that. He mentions the idea of having a conservation easement around Round Pond, rather than turning ownership over to the State. There was discussion about this and it circled back to Clarke's proposal related to revising the airport lease.

Chief Mick noted the impending closure of the Pine St and Lovewell Pond Rd intersection.

Stephen Smith brought up numerous concerns and comments. He asked about Town Meeting and the type of town meeting, while noting the amount of people that voted via ballot last year vs. the amount of people that show up at Town Meeting. He wants to see an effort to encourage people to attend Town Meeting. He also asked about the CA Snow School and demo disposal and recycling at the Transfer Station. Lastly he commented on an observation of someone speeding through a school zone while on a cell phone and an officer not doing anything about it.

Daymond Steer asked for clarification on numerous agenda topics.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve payroll warrants #79, 82 & and accounts payable warrants #80, 81, 83, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Murray made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Date: 4/22/21





