

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Virtual
Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Richard Murray III
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter completed a roll call and thanked veterans for their service.

Klinepeter opened the Public Hearing on an Application for Adult Use Marijuana License submitted by Philip Jacobs for a Tier 2 cultivation facility. Applicant Philip Jacobs explained his plans to cultivate adult use marijuana. He has a conditional state license for a 2000 sq. ft. grow operation. It will be within a green house. Clarke brought up that the homeowners association by-laws do not allow commercial uses. Jacobs conveyed that a homeowner's association was never formed and his business is home-based. There are other home-based businesses on the street. Dutton noted that there has been some resistance from the abutters. Jacobs responds that his operation will not be visible from the street and is abutted by a potential solar farm. There is no noise. Clarke inquired about odor control. Jacobs will use carbon filters to mitigate odors. It was clarified that there will be no traffic related to this use; Jacobs is wholesaling his product and will transport himself. Jacobs provided an overview of his security measures. Klinepeter confirmed that Fire Chief Dufresne and Lt. McAllister had no concerns at this point with the proposal. The public hearing was closed.

Klinepeter called the Select Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Application for Adult Use Marijuana License submitted by Philip Jacobs for a Tier 2 cultivation facility, which was seconded by Dutton. The motion passed unanimously. It was confirmed that this is a 1 year permit and that it will need to be renewed annually.

Haley provided an overview of the police chief selection process and relayed some of the reasons why the top chief candidate was chosen. She introduced Aaron Mick and asked the Select Board to confirm his hiring. Clarke made a motion to confirm the hiring of Aaron Mick for the Chief of Police position. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Department head reports: Chief Dufresne provided a report of call logs, fleet maintenance and training. He reminded people to check the batteries in their smoke and CO detectors. Rec Director Buzzell provided an overview of winter programs and subsequent COVID precautions. He is planning a house decorating contest and the annual tree lighting with modifications. Lt. McAllister warned residents of increasing scams that are circulating. Library Director Spofford noted that there has been an increase in family library cards and provided a brief overview of library programs. Public Works Director France updated the Board on ongoing road work and winter preparation.

Dutton made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2020, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve abatement of \$810 for 043-041- 868 Broadway, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve an abatement of \$97.20 for 016-046- Kathie & Alan Davis, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve an abatement of \$247.86 for 021-010- William Jordan, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve an abatement of \$413.10 for 025-047- Justin Lipson & Krisandra Horn, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve an abatement of \$345.06 for 048-018-A00- Clyde Watson, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve an abatement of \$312.66 for 010-025 - Menotomy, LLC, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a brief RERC workshop overview and action items which include having the Select Board re-activate various town committees with a revised purpose of getting some of the specific RERC recommendations completed. Clarke suggested maybe broader purpose committees such as a recreation resources committee. She also noted a recent statewide effort to create connectivity by building out rail trails.

Haley provided her Town Manager Report. Kingsbury made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Clarke asked if the CEO position has been filled; Haley responded that it would be shortly. Murray asked about the sidewalk near the school and if it would be on both sides of the road. It is thought that it will not be. Dutton followed up with questions about what can be done to correct the recently built section of sidewalk on the other side of the village; France responded that they may still be able to plow around the mailbox posts. Klinepeter relayed that the county budget vote will be taking place next week and that if it passes, there will be a 1.8% decrease.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked questions about the police chief hiring and recent increased mask wearing mandates.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #35, 37, 39 and Accounts Payable Warrants #36, 38, 40, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

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