

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Virtual
Thursday, January 14, 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. He completed a roll call.

Department head reports: Fire Chief Dufresne reviewed calls for service for December, training, COVID, and fleet updates. Library Director Jennifer Spofford had nothing to add to her written monthly report; there was discussion about the new shelving at the library. Recreation Director Rick Buzzell provided an update on programs and commented about how he appreciates the support he has received from the administration over the past year. Police Chief Mick reported that he has been working on required year end reporting; Dutton commented that Chief Mick has his support.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a Liquor License for 302 West Smokehouse & Tavern, which was seconded by Dutton. Haley confirmed that no public hearing was needed since they have had a liquor license for years and was not seeking a Special Amusement Permit. The motion passed unanimously.

Haley provided an overview of the Canal Bridge Campground lease renewal. The annual lease will increase to \$7,500 per year and the amended lease includes language prohibiting marijuana cultivation or use on the property. Dutton made a motion to approve the lease renewal with revised language making it clear that the fee is \$7,500 per year. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$449.75 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for the Fire Department to purchase fire suppression foam, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously. It was clarified that the foam is biodegradable and safe for the environment.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$100 gift certificate donation to the Town Office from Long River, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of the Southern Maine Solar Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission and the Town of Fryeburg. This is a joint effort between towns to seek net energy billing contracts through an RFP process. The benefit of the collaborative is that it will ideally yield better pricing, will allow participating towns to rely on SMPDC who have more expertise in the topic and reduce our staff time, while still giving the Town the flexibility to deal with the final contract specifics on our own. It was confirmed that we are able to seek this solar option within the bounds of our existing contract with Maine Power Options. Clarke asked whether it would be better to purchase from a local solar project. Haley explained that any of those projects/developers would be able to respond to the RFP but the timing and structure of those are currently unknown. Haley explained that some residents have entered into contracts for net energy billing and that solar power is being generated in Richmond, rather than locally. Discussion followed. Clarke made a motion to approve the MOU, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Kelly Woitko as the Registrar of Voters through January 1, 2023, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

given the potential \$20 fee. She encouraged taking a regional approach. This was briefly discussed. Kingsbury thanked the town employees for their efforts to work safe and the lowered workers comp rates.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer commented about the parking fees based on his conversations with Conway Town Manager. He also confirmed the Chief Mick was schedule to get his waiver from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy the following day. Michelle Smith commented to Chief Mick to not let one bad apple ruin his view of Fryeburg. Diane Gushee asked people to give Chief Mick a chance and referred to a Conway Daily Sun article and noted an error related to a union employee comment.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #51, 53, 55, 57 and Accounts Payable Warrants #52, 54, 56, 58, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 1/28/2021

Tom Klinepeter: _____

Kimberly Clarke: _____

Tom Kingsbury: _____

Richard Murray: _____

Jim Dutton: _____