

**Minutes  
Select Board Meeting  
David & Doris Hastings Community Center & Virtual  
Thursday, September 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

Richard Murray III  
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke  
Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter outlined meeting procedures and completed a roll call.

Klinepeter opened the public hearing on MMA Model Ordinance for General Assistance Appendices A-D for October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

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

Department head reports: Lt. McAllister provided an update on Rt. 302 construction and cruiser bids which will be due October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lester France provided a report on ongoing road work. There was a discussion about plowing the new portion of sidewalk along Main St as it will be tricky to safely plow and keep plowed. Rec. Director Rick Buzzell updated the Board about fall rec programs and the teen center and a plan to give pumpkins away for Halloween. Fire Chief Dufresne provided his monthly report with call logs, fleet maintenance updates, COVID-19 updates, and reported that fire danger is high.

Clarke made a motion to adopt MMA Model Ordinance for General Assistance Appendices A-D for October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to ratify agreement between Town of Fryeburg and Teamsters Local Union No. 340, which was seconded by Murray. Dutton commented on the section of the agreement as it relates to suspension and discussion about just cause and suspension with pay followed. The motion passed 4-1, with Dutton voting against.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants for:

- 053-025 to Thomas Quigley
- 053-068 to Ryan Wallace
- 053-080 to Ryan Wallace
- 053-090 to Kevin & Kimberly Smith

The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to review and vote on all abatements with one vote, which was seconded by Murray and passed 4-1 (Clarke voted against). Murray made a motion to approve the following abatement requests:

- 013-006-001 - Green Thumb Farms: Requested and recommended abatement amount of \$1,022.22
- 043-042-ON1 – Tony Costello: Requested and recommended abated amount of \$272.16
- 025-039-000 – Ralph & Cynthia Smith: Requested abatement amount of \$20,000, recommended abatement of \$0
- 016-037-000 – Walter Day: Requested abatement amount of \$320.76, recommended abatement of \$0

- 053-095-000 – Patricia West: Requested abatement amount of \$1805.40, recommended abatement amount of \$756.54

The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter provided an overview of the request for speed limit study on Fish Street and noted the additional work that is needed to formally request a speed limit change to MDOT. Kingsbury made a motion to table the topic, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to appoint Diane Jones to the Henney Historical Trust Committee, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to confirm promotion of Lester France to the Fryeburg Public Works Director, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,016 to install a new boiler for the Fryeburg Public Library using the Library Investment Funds, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a \$27,500 carry-forward balance from the Police Department, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to form a Broadband Committee, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Clarke suggested notifying the press about this effort.

Haley briefly reviewed the ITN program and potential acceptance of \$15,000 pilot ITN Country program funds. Clarke noted that this is a great idea but that we have no resources in which to accomplish the goal of facilitating the transportation network. There were discussions about other transportation and ride-share options. Dutton made a motion to accept the program funds, which was seconded by Murray. The motion failed with a 0-5 vote.

Chief Dufresne reviewed the bids for concrete fire apparatus bay floor resurfacing. The bids received were as follows:

Capozza Concrete Services

Section 1, Part A: \$36,000.00

Section 1, Part B: \$10,975.00

Epoxy Floors North LLC

Section 1, Part A: \$32,000.00

Section 1, Part B: \$6,200.00

Hascall & Hall

Section 1, Part A: \$32,799.00

Section 1, Part B: \$6,475.00

All bids were substantially over the budgeted amount and Dufresne requested that the bids be rejected. Dutton made a motion to reject all bids, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley outlined a plan to transplant the perennials from Rt. 302/Pine St & Rt. 302/5 island to Peary Park in order to preserve them during road construction, utilizing Gena Spencer for guidance and the Public Works Department. Clarke made a motion to approve the plan, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Jennifer Regan was thanked for the work she does to maintain the island garden beds.

Jockey Cap ownership was discussed. It was noted that the property is currently under the joint ownership of the Town and Arizona Zipper. Clarke is supportive of the Town trying to acquire 100% ownership and partnering with Upper Saco Valley Land Trust for this effort. Kingsbury questioned the price. Klinepeter noted that Zipper is a proponent on conservation. There will likely need to be an appraisal to determine market value. Haley is requesting approval and Select Board support to proceed in negotiating a sale. Support was voiced and a motion

was made by Kingsbury to table the topic until more information has been obtained, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

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

Other business as appropriate: Clarke could not hear previous comments that Buzzell provided about Halloween. She is hopeful that the school will do something from within to provide students with a safe Halloween experience. She also commented on the severe drought conditions and requested that Poland Spring be contacted. Haley noted that Emery & Garrett was out observing stream flow monitoring that day and was due to report the results.

Dutton brought up the hybrid meeting format which was not going well. There was a discussion about the format of the next meetings and it was decided to try the hybrid format again. Dutton requested that the review of the personnel policy be on the next agenda.

Klinepeter requested to have an executive session related to the Town Managers annual review. The Dinner Bell is open for drive-thru on Wednesdays and extra food is available. He requests to get the percentage of properties that went up and down in value during the revaluation. He also questioned demolition debris dumping that he witnessed at the Transfer Station.

Kingsbury commented on skateboarders using the new sidewalk and expressed concern.

Public Forum: Stephen Smith commented on the large turn-out for town meeting voting which was discussed further. He also asked about the police chief hiring process including whether the Select Board has to approve of the town manager choice and whether the qualifications for the position require a college degree. It was confirmed that the Select Board does approve the hiring and Haley noted that the job description outlines educational and work requirements but states that an equivalent combination of work and education may be considered. Smith went on to ask about the status of the Snow school and clarified budgeting for that building, requested that police reports be included in the Bridgton News, noted that many people don't have the required vehicle stickers at the transfer station, asked about the policy for employee vehicle use, and lastly mentioned issues with the crosswalk light by the monument.

Curtis Smith spoke in support of Dutton's request to review the Personnel Policy. Allison Leach provided an update on the Town Forest Trail and the plans to plant chestnut trees at the property. Sherri Billings thanked Clarke and the Board for noting the drought conditions and commented on the overuse of the Saco River.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #21, 23, 25 and Accounts Payable Warrants #22, 24, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to enter into executive session to deliberate over an abatement (Case #2020-1) pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2), which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve abatement Case #2020-1 as reviewed in executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2), which was seconded by Murray. The motion failed with a 0-5 vote.

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

\*Attendees to the virtual portion of the meeting could not hear well.

Date:

10/8/20

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