

Minutes
Select Board Meeting - Town Office
Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

James Dutton
Thomas Kingsbury

Klinepeter opened the Public Hearing on revisions to the “Town of Fryeburg Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weights on Posted Roads”. It was confirmed that the changes discussed at the last meeting had been made. Town Manager Katie Haley said that the reason for the revised ordinance is to be more in line with our current practices. Public Works Director Ira Ela supports the revision. The public hearing was closed.

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

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

The proposals for the Anticipated Renovation of the Former Registry of Deeds were opened. 2 proposals were received. Crowell Construction provided sketches of their proposed renovation scheme but provided no cost estimates. Maine Highlands Contracting provided a work description, qualification statement, completed project list, and an insurance certificate; the cost estimate for the project was \$198,757. There was a discussion about how to proceed and whether a town meeting vote is required to act on this. Clarke made a motion to notify Maine Highlands Contracting that their bid will be accepted subject to securing the necessary funds through grants and/or fundraising and budgeting with town approval; the accepted bid will be used to apply for grants. This motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve proposed revisions to the “Town of Fryeburg Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weights on Posted Roads”, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley provided information on potential property tax relief programs for seniors, as was requested at the previous meeting. There are 2 programs allowed by statute; a tax deferral and a tax refund for seniors. The refund program also may allow an option for a work program. Kingsbury is not in favor of the deferral and stated that the offset from the refund type of program affects everyone else who may also be struggling to pay their taxes despite their age. Clarke does not want to see seniors forced out of their houses due to tax payments. There was a discussion and debate about this topic. It was decided that more input should be sought. Clarke made a motion to seek further input about the rebate and work program via Facebook and via a survey at the March 3rd voting. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to formally change voting from the American Legion to the Community Center. This was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously. Kingsbury thanked the Town of China for donating extra voting booths.

Dutton made a motion to appoint John Wiesemann as the Code Enforcement Officer & Local Plumbing Inspector, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Haley confirmed that Wiesemann had obtained his necessary certifications.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$826 reimbursement from The Nature Conservancy LED Lighting Conversion Grant, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$200 donation from Long River to the Police Department & Town Office, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Department Head reports:

Chief Potvin had nothing to report but noted that Coleman hired the Police Department for construction traffic detail while they are working near the post office and River St. intersection.

Ela commented on the plowing and sidewalk clearing; the Board complimented the job they are doing, especially with the sidewalks.

Wiesemann noted that he had provided the Board with copies of notices he has sent out. He got his CEO/LPI certifications and will be working towards his Certified Maine Assessor certification.

Chief Dufresne read his monthly report which include call information, vehicle updates, and training updates.

Jennifer Spofford updated the Board on grants that the library has applied for including a grant for exterior motion lights and a grant to expand adult-ed. She is also working with numerous people on a Bicentennial celebration and a grant for that.

Haley provided her Town Manager's Report & Finance Report. She provided an update on a planned AARP document shredding event and the proposed budget meeting schedule. A cash-flow analysis was provided. Kingsbury made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other business as appropriate:

Dutton- n/a

Clarke highlighted the Volunteer Fair on the 18th at the Community Center from 10 to 1. She also noted that a goal for the budget is to look at removing or repairing sidewalks.

Kingsbury would like to see the budget minimized as much as possible.

Klinepeter suggested sending the Saco River Corridor Commission water monitoring results to the Fryeburg Water District and also noted that there is a position open for a Fryeburg representative on the SRCC. He also relayed information about the party enrollment requirements for the March caucus. Lastly he asked Haley to provide the Board with evaluation forms for her 6 month evaluation.

Public Forum- n/a

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

Kingsbury made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Date:

Kimberly Clarke

Tom Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

Jim Dutton

Handwritten signatures of Kimberly Clarke, Tom Klinepeter, Thomas Kingsbury, and Jim Dutton over horizontal lines.

