

Minutes
Select Board Meeting - Virtual
Thursday, August 27, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

James Dutton
Thomas Kingsbury

Klinepeter completed a roll call and outlined the meeting procedures, then called the Select Board meeting to order and declared a quorum.

The bids for tax acquired property were opened. The bid results were as follows:

- Map 037, Lot 040: David Damon bid \$1,105. Kingsbury made a motion to accept the bid, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.
- Map 053, Lot 019: No bids received
- Map 053, Lot 025: Thomas & Christy Quigley bid \$5,000, Nels Liljedahl bid \$3,152, Ryan Wallace bid \$2,650. Dutton made a motion to accept Quigley's bid, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.
- Map 053, Lot 051: No bids received
- Map 053, Lot 068: Ryan Wallace bid \$5,100. Dutton made a motion to accept the bid, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.
- Map 053, Lot 080: Ryan Wallace bid \$2,650. Sean Russell bid \$2,510. Dutton made a motion to accept Wallace's bid, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.
- Map 053, Lot 090: Scott Bell bid \$2,500, Ryan Wallace bid \$5,100, Kevin and Kimberly Smith bid \$5,100. There was discussion about what to do when 2 bids are the same. It was noted that Smith's are the abutters of the property and that Ryan Wallace had already been awarded property. Haley noted that the policy for tax acquired property states that the Select Board may accept or reject any bids. Clarke declared that the Smiths had been clients of hers and that she would abstain from voting. Dutton made a motion to accept Smith's bid, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed 3-0-1 (Clarke abstained).

Ingrid Kellas and Heather Leach-Richards were present to speak of their request for the Town to support a speed limit reduction on Fish Street. The MDOT recently raised the speed limit to 50 mph; they would like to see it be lowered to 35 mph. It was noted that West Fryeburg Road and Harbor Road have lower speed limits, that there are numerous bus stops along Fish St, that there is a lot of truck traffic, and that there is no shoulder. Clarke concurs that 50 mph is too fast and Kingsbury is supportive of the residents request. Acting Public Works Director Lester France shared his thoughts that 50 is fast for the road. Haley commented that the process for initiating a speed limit change is for the municipal officers to make a request with MDOT. Clarke made a motion to write a letter requesting a speed limit reduction to 35 mph. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Department head reports: Library Director Jennifer Spofford noted that she is starting outdoor library programs and that she applied for a hot spot grant. Fire Chief Dufresne has drafted an RFP for the fire station floor resurfacing capital improvement project. He also reminded people that school is starting and to drive safely. Lastly he noted a concern about the passing lane paint striping on River St. France provided an update on roadwork, including culvert cleaning, ditching and continued mowing. Rec Director Rick Buzzell discussed the fall sports program plans and the teen center program. Lt. Mike

McAllister also noted the school zone speeds and urged people to drive cautiously. RT 302 paving will continue next week and water main replacement project will begin shortly after that.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton. Clarke noted a spelling error. Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the distribution of funds to Social Service Agencies, which was tabled at the previous meeting. Haley had reached out to the Fryeburg Community Chapel and Fryeburg Assembly of God to see if they had a need for funds. The Community Chapel responded and would like to be included in the appropriation. There was discussion about the groups that do not submit requests but have traditionally been given money and those that also request money but are usually not allotted any. It was generally agreed that the funds should be given to agencies that benefit residents. Dutton made a motion to provide the same amounts to the same agencies as last year with the exception of providing \$500 to the Fryeburg Community Chapel and not providing funds to Project Graduation or the Endeavor House. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Clarke would like to review this closer next year.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$6,300 from the Corona Virus Emergency Grant Program for the Police Department, which was seconded by Clarke. It was discussed that this is to be used for PPE purchased. Lt. McAllister is checking to see if it can be used for COVID-19 testing or related time-off. The motion passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept \$10,000 from the Maine Community Foundation Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund for renovations at 511 Main St. which was seconded by Clarke. Discussion followed. Dutton wanted to ensure that the acceptance of this does not mean that the town will need to pay for the rest of the estimated cost of repairs. Haley explained that the contractor has stated that he is willing to do the project piecemeal and that Spofford is applying for other grants to be used with this awarded amount. The first part of the project will be to remove the non-historic addition and create open space. Clarke supported the idea of open space. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept \$3,000 from AARP Community Challenge Grant for the Town Forest trail project, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley provided background information on the proposal to review and increase the Adult Use Marijuana Application fees. After some discussion, Clarke made a motion to set the application fee at \$1,500, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley provided the Town Manager's Report & Finance Report. The meeting scheduled changed slightly and the next meeting will be September 3rd and not September 10th. Kingsbury asked about recycling contamination. Haley explained that there were recent loads with high contamination of non-recyclables. She explained that an employee who is on restricted duty for the month of September will be charged with overseeing the single sort and trying to educate people. Kingsbury made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other business as appropriate: Clarke noted recent executive orders related to the expansion of absentee voting and early counting of ballots. She questioned how residents can be assured that the voting process will go smoothly. Haley noted that the clerks and her have set up a weekly meeting to double check procedures and processes. Dutton requested that the Board review the Personnel Policy and how it relates to employees put on administrative leave. Haley will make copies of the policy for review. Kingsbury is interested in meeting in person at the Community Center and possibly using zoom for meetings as well.

After discussion it was decided that the second meeting in September will be at the Community Center. Haley will check in with Valley Vision about recording the meeting. Klinepeter relayed that he is now on the county budget committee.

Public Forum: Curtis Smith supported Dutton's request to review the Personnel Policy.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #15, 17 and Accounts Payable Warrants #16, 18, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

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