

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Virtual
Thursday, March 25, 2021
6:00 PM

Richard Murray III
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter completed a roll call of Select Board members and employees before proceeding to open the Public Hearings on the following applications:

- Liquor License Renewal for The Barn at the Old Saco Inn (79 Old Saco Lane)
- Liquor License Renewal for the Old Saco Inn (125 Old Saco Lane)
- Special Amusement Permit for the Old Saco Inn (125 Old Saco Lane)

Nora Schwarz spoke in support of each application, otherwise there were no comments. The public hearings were closed.

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

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for The Barn at the Old Saco Inn (79 Old Saco Lane), which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for the Old Saco Inn (125 Old Saco Lane), which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a Special Amusement Permit for the Old Saco Inn (125 Old Saco Lane), which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Department head reports: Fire Chief Dufresne reminded people to change the batteries in their smoke/CO detectors. Public Works Director France provided an update on spring clean-up. There was discussion about the Rt. 302 road reconstruction and the road postings. Police Chief Aaron Mick conveyed that there were 3 overdoses since the last meeting and that various officers were able to save lives using Narcan. Letters of commendation will be issued. The new cruiser was confirmed to be in service. Klinepeter commented about people using side streets to avoid construction traffic; Mick will work on increased speed enforcement in those areas.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2021, which was seconded by Clarke. Klinepeter noted a typo and the motion to approve the corrected minutes passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for tree growth removal penalty for Map 10, Lot 1, Diamond Ridge LLC in the amount of \$3,525.60, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously. Dutton inquired about the trigger for removing properties from tree growth. Haley said that is typically done as a request from the property owner because they intend to develop the property.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for tree growth removal penalty for Map 9, Lot 38, JCR, LCC in the amount of \$9,291.60, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve and sign the Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application, which was seconded by Dutton. Haley explained that this is a procedural document required by the state. The motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve Bradley Reforestation Fund request (\$344) from Elbridge Russell for 400 seedlings to be planted on Map 11, Lot 6, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to move the excess of undesignated balance over 15%, as of June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$651,105 to the Fund Balance Reserve Account, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Klinepeter would like to have a discussion about the best ways to use this money at the next meeting. There was a discussion about the balance of the reserve.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$2,500 Maine Community Foundation grant for a court resurfacing project at the recreation fields, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to sign the Public Notice paperwork related to the proposed revisions to the Town of Fryeburg Parking Ordinance, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Eastern Slope Airport Authority request to include a warrant article to extend the airport lease to 50 years *which is 40 years,* and the motion was seconded by Kingsbury. Clarke questioned why they are looking for a 50-year lease. Haley replied that she didn't know. Clarke believes the lease with the town should match the longest existing sublease. Kingsbury agreed but doesn't think that there is enough time to have this ready for a town meeting vote. Clarke noted that the executive board has contemplated retiring and that she is supportive of the Town taking management over. Klinepeter encouraged people to step up and replace the aging executive board members and prefers to wait a couple of years to make a decision on the lease since the 7-year lease has been the norm for a long time and since there are ongoing projects underway. Dutton agrees with a 40-year lease. Klinepeter suggested having the airport be present at the next meeting and tabling the decision. Clarke made a motion to withdraw her original motion which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Kingsbury made a motion to table the discussion, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

There was brief discussion and consideration of Fryeburg's participation in a "Community Resilience Pilot Project". Clarke and Klinepeter commented that there are a lot of other projects going on; Dutton and Kingsbury agreed. Kingsbury made a motion to pass on the project, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Murray asked about the status of a proposal to install a flashing light on Rt. 302 by the fire station. Dufresne said that we need about \$15,000 to fund the project. Clarke commented about concerns with construction signage on Oxford St. Kingsbury said that people have been parking on the sidewalk on Oxford St. Klinepeter urged people to be cautious of increasing numbers of scam phone calls.

Public Forum: John Weston expressed his thoughts on the proposed parking ordinance revisions; he does not want to see an influx of people at Weston's Beach and agrees with having signage from the bridge to the beach but thinks that additional signage does not create an inviting atmosphere especially for his business. He would like to not have signs posted in that area unless necessary.

Sherri Billings asked in the public would be allowed to speak about the airports lease proposal at the next meeting; Klinepeter said that people could speak at Town Meeting. Billings commented about the airport land biodiversity and the lack of accountability of the airport executive board.

Nora Schwarz asked for information about the community resilience pilot project and wondered if this was something that could have been headed up by a committee. Haley explained the basics of the program and Clarke provided her rationale for voting against proceeding; she noted that data gathering with larger communities didn't seem like a good fit. Klinepeter reiterated the need for focusing on a few projects and not taking on more. Schwarz commented that it would be good to hear from the airport board about the rationale for their lease request and this led to discussion about how there is a need for longer lease for bonds or loans to be acquired. Kingsbury

noted that there is also the solar lease that was approved and that the timeframe of that lease needs to be considered. Daymond Steer asked for clarification on a couple of agenda items and asked about reporting scam phone calls. Mick said that people can call the Police Department and they can follow-up if there is financial loss.

Murray made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #75 & 77 and Accounts Payable Warrants #72 & 74, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 4/8/2021

Tom Klinepeter: 

Kimberly Clarke: 

Tom Kingsbury: 

Richard Murray: 

Jim Dutton: 

