

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center**  
**Thursday, July 29, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

Richard Murray III  
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke  
Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

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

Clarke made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Dutton and passed 4-0-1 (Murray was not present at that meeting, therefore did not vote).

Department Head Reports: Library Director Jennifer Spofford highlighted an upcoming beekeeping program on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Public Works Director Lester France provided an update on ongoing road work and the new trucks. Fire Chief Andy Dufresne reported on calls for service, fleet maintenance and training.

Clarke made a motion to approve a Liquor License for Saco Valley Sports Center, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a Liquor License for Oxford House Inn, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a CMP Application for Pole Location on Smith Street, which was Dutton. Haley explained the location near Rob Rose's manufacturing building. The motion passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of Draft Remote Participation Policy in light of recent legislation that only allows remote participation in the event of emergencies. This policy follows MMA guidance. Clarke noted issues with the second paragraph and thinks it should be clearer that this is only allowed in emergencies and not when someone is on vacation for example. There was discussion and debate about the need for the policy. Klinepeter brought up the logistical issues of having a hybrid meeting and thinks that meetings should be all in person or all zoom. It was decided that Haley will check on the ability to allow committees to continue to meet remotely; with Select Board, Planning Board and Appeals Board needing to meet in person except on emergencies, and then those Boards would meet entirely remotely.

Clarke made a motion to accept a Mulford Fund Grants for \$4,000 to the Conservation Committee for the Town Forest Bridge construction, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a Mulford Fund Grant for \$18,500 to the Eastern Slope Airport Authority for operational expenses and habitat management plan, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously. Clarke believes that the update of a habitat management plan will help alleviate concern about the airport's management of sensitive areas.

Klinepeter made a motion to accept a Mulford Fund Grant for \$20,000 to the Fryeburg Teen Center, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to sign the Quitclaim Deed to Walter Butler (Hiram property), which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley explained the Regional Broadband Memorandum of Understanding between Bridgton, Harrison & Fryeburg. This is an effort to work with these towns on a shared interest of investigating and securing short and

long-term broadband solutions for the Towns. Of notable interest is an effort to work with Redzone fixed wireless internet. Having this MOU in place will assist with the ability to apply for grants. Clarke asked about efforts with other towns and Haley reported that there are many different collaborative and planning efforts going on, but that she is most excited about this particular effort. Clarke made a motion to allow Town Manager Haley to sign the MOU, which was seconded ~~by Clarke~~ <sup>Dutton</sup> and passed unanimously.

Haley provided an update on the Police Department incentive proposal. She had drafted agreements related to both retention and sign-on bonuses. There were discussions about specific wording that needed to be revised. Haley also provided an overview of the proposed retirement for first responders, which is a desirable plan for officers. Dutton made a motion to approve the agreements, as revised, and to proceed with the retirement plans. The motion was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. It was noted that the retirement plan would require a town meeting vote. This led to the next agenda item discussion.

Haley provided a draft Special Town Meeting Warrant that included 5 articles; the warrant needs to be finalized on the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> vote. It was confirmed that these articles would be voted on via ballot. The wording of the article related to retirement and liquor licensing was questioned by Clarke. Haley reported that the specific language of those 2 articles was provided by MainePers and the State, respectively. She will contact MainePers for clarification on the retirement question wording.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Dutton made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Murray asked if Haley could request there be more barricades at the Lovewell Pond Rd and Pine Street intersection to block people from going across that construction area. Clarke wants to apologize to residents and businesses for the Town not being more proactive during the Route 302 design process and for the Town not asking the right questions about the plans and impacts on the village. Clarke further expressed concern that the State's decision to push the curbing out into the roadway at the Congregational Church presents a hazard for drop offs to be safely done and that the curbing needs to be pushed back and a curb cut made at the entrance where the handicap ramp is located. There was discussion about curbing in specific areas. Klinepeter commented about a federal food program that will be providing children's face mask to the Town. Klinepeter will deliver these to the Town Office so they can be distributed. Dutton asked about solar power lighted yield and stop signs at the Route 5/302 intersection.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked numerous questions.

Dutton made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #4, 6, & 8 and Accounts Payable Warrants #3, 5, 7, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

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

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