

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center**  
**Thursday, August 26, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

James Dutton  
Thomas Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury opened the Public Hearing for Town of Fryeburg Select Board Remote Participation Policy. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

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

Dutton made a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed 2-0-1.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the following resolution: That the Town of Fryeburg, as Lessor under a Lease dated March 2, 2021, hereby consents to the granting by its Lessee under said Lease, *to wit*, Eastern Slope Airport Authority (“ESAA”) of a leasehold mortgage to be granted to the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to secure the performance by ESAA of its obligations under a grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 pursuant to the Financial Assistance Award dated September 25, 2019 and bearing EDA Award No. 01-01-14865. This consent may be evidenced by a copy of this resolution attested by the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Linda Russell provided an overview of the request from Deacons & Trustees of the First Congregational Church to revise the MDOT reconstruction design as it relates to the church property(s). She provided a petition signed by over 200 people requesting that design changes be made. She asked that the Town send a letter to Governor Mills, along with the petition. She noted concerns about the loss of parking and the impact that it will have on the entire town and not just the church. Elbridge Russell noted that the petition was signed by unsolicited residents and believes that it is not unreasonable to ask the governor to reconsider the determination made by MDOT.

Kris Barthelmess, President of the Christian Science Church, discussed the history of working with MDOT to reconfigure parking in front of the CSC reading room. Dutton and Kingsbury both said that a letter could be sent to Gov Mills but that they doubt there would be any changes made. Susan Barthelmess said the Ernie Martin of MDOT conveyed that they are working with the Town and she wanted to know what that meant. Klinepeter outlined some of the history of public hearings and that process. Haley noted that she is in frequent contact with MDOT. She also conveyed that she received confirmation from MDOT that parallel parking spaces on the south east side of Main St in the church/thrift store vicinity could be striped but that it would actually lead to a reduction in the amount of cars that could park based on the required design standards. There was a discussion about signage and striping so that it is clear that parking is allowed. Ingrid Kellas asked about the design changes to provide for the walkways and whether that would affect drainage.

Robert Kellas asked if Peary Park could be used for parking; Klinepeter noted that there are deed restrictions on most town parks that would prevent that. Public parking was discussed. Patty Hibbert spoke about the need to move the curbing back 3 ft to provide for safe parking. Mary Dinucci read a quote from the Western Maine Gateways webpage and notes that she believes that history is not being respected despite what that website says.

Dutton made a motion to for a letter to be sent to Gov. Mills which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Barthelmess asked if suggestions related to design alternatives could be made. It was stated that those could be passed along to Haley.

Department Head Reports: Public Works Director Lester France reported that single sort is operational again, Stanley Hill Rd paving is in progress, bike path has been mowed. France brought up a concern about commercial contractors hauling brush to the Transfer Station for free. Methods of charging were discussed. Haley and France will do some research and propose a fee schedule change for the next meeting. Dutton asked about Cornshop Road. Haley said Rob Prue of Pine Tree Engineering had looked at it and suggested a shim coat of asphalt. There was discussion. The Stanley Hill Road project may come in under budget and allow for that work to be done. Haley commented that she gets many complaints about Cornshop Rd.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Town of Fryeburg Select Board Remote Participation Policy, which was seconded by Dutton. Dutton commented that the final draft is too restrictive and makes it seem like there are no excused absences by Select Board members. This was discussed and it was decided that language will be added that addresses excused absences. Klinepeter withdrew his motion and Dutton withdrew his second.

Haley explained the options for a potential October 14<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting and a November 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Town Meeting referendum question based on specific requirements for the various questions being asked of the voters. Klinepeter made a motion to approve the November 2, 2021 Special Town Meeting warrant, with the local liquor option question only. The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously. Klinepeter made a motion to approve the October 14<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting warrant, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve the Certification of Ordinance (Street Opening Ordinance) which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve and sign the following tax commitment documents:

- Assessors Certification of Assessment
- Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant
- Certificate of Commitment
- Certificate of Assessment to be Returned to Municipal Treasurer

The motion was seconded by Klinepeter. Haley explained that the mil rate decreased and is the lowest its been since 2013, The motion passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Town of Fryeburg Employee Personnel Policy, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve yearly distributions to social service agencies as presented, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to establish minimum bid of \$5,000 for sale of tax acquired property at 185 Lovewell Pond Rd. The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Oxford-Lakes Region Broadband Memorandum of Understanding, which was seconded by Dutton. Haley explained that this is another effort to study and improve broadband with a group of towns. The motion passed unanimously.

Haley presented a verbal Town Managers Report. This included an update on the damaged West Fryeburg Rd cemetery. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Dutton commented that he will serve on the county budget committee. Klinepeter brought up a discussion about the potential Portland Street sidewalk project and the timing as it may relate to a sewer infrastructure project. Kingsbury commented about the need for a new Town Office/Public Safety building.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked for clarification on a few items discussed during the meeting.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #18 & 20 and Accounts Payable Warrants #19 & 21, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 9/9/27

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