Minutes Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center Thursday, October 14, 2021

Richard Murray III

Kimberly Clarke

James Dutton

Thomas Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury opened the public hearing to hear public comment on the following special town meeting warrant articles to be voted on on November 2, 2021.

Article 2. To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum question: Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?

There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

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

Dutton made a motion to approve the September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Clarke. Kingsbury noted a typo and the minutes were approved with corrections.

Department Head Reports: Police Chief Mick provided an overview of the fair and fair traffic. He commended Officer Small on his efforts related to the murder on the fairgrounds, and thanked all of the agencies that also responded. Fire Chief Dufresne reviewed calls for service, training and fleet/equipment maintenance. Public Works Director France provided updates on the ongoing road work.

Clarke made a motion to sign a Lease Option Agreement with BD Solar Fryeburg, LLC, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to sign a Release Deed to Jessica Dodge for 185 Lovewell Pond Road, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve a Town Pole Location Permit for a pole on Smarts Hill Road, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the 2021 Municipal Valuation Return, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to approve a tax abatement for PP Account #265, Wells Fargo in the amount of \$4,956.16 (previously approved at \$5,643.62), which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a tax abatement for PP Account #167, Great America Financial Services in the amount of \$395.73 (previously approved at \$450.62), which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for 050-036-000, Fryeburg Assembly of God in the amount of \$2,369.95, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint John Weston as Warden for Referendum Election on 11/2/2021, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Diane Gushee as Deputy Warden for Referendum Election on 11/2/2021, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$711.69 Safety Enhancement Grant for exterior motion lighting at the Transfer Station, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to accept a \$3,000 Risk Reduction Grant for a standby generator at the Town Office, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: Klinepeter inquired about the sidewalk in front of the rescue building. Kingsbury noted that there is a rabies clinic in Harrison and also commented that he does not believe that the electric vehicle charging station at the fire department should be free of charge. Dufresne noted that he had dealt with a vehicle that was consistently charging overnight. There was discussion.

Public Forum: Both Chief Mick and Chief Dufresne took the opportunity to thank the many agencies involved in the fair public safety. Daymond Steer asked various questions about police staffing and its impact on the murder situation and the fair. Steer also asked about sidewalks. Bob Cleaves from Dirigo Solar thanked the Select Board and Town Manager for cooperation on executing the lease option for the airport property.

Dutton made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #30, 32, 33 & 34 and Accounts Payable Warrants #31 & 35, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section406(6)(c) to discuss acquisition of real property, 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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