

Minutes

Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

James Dutton
Thomas Kingsbury

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 November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports: Fire Chief Dufresne reviewed November calls for service, EMA updates, fleet maintenance and training. Police Chief Mick noted an uptick in fraud complaints.

Haley introduced and swore in new officers Jarrod Wiswell and Justin Groetzinger. She also announced the promotion of Officer Henry Small to Sergeant.

Dutton made a motion to approve the Liquor License for 302 West Smokehouse & Tavern, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve CMP Pole Permit for Kezar Lake Road, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Dutton made a motion to allow the Town Manager to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Clyde & Twyla Watson for Map 043-035. The motion was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. Klinepeter explained that the Town is looking to purchase the land between Recreation Drive and the Town Garage with the intention of constructing a municipal complex in the future. Voters will be asked to approve this at Town Meeting in June.

Dutton made a motion to allow chair to re-sign Quitclaim deed to Walter Butler on behalf of the Select Board, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of Little Chatham Rd paving survey results. She noted that the paving of the road is slated to take place in 2023 but that she had heard varying feedback about the plan to pave; hence the survey. The majority of respondents want to see the road paved. Comments in favor paving noted the dust and potholes while comments opposed to paving included concerns about speeding. Clarke expressed support for paving. Klinepeter stated that South Chatham Road should be reconstructed and repaved prior to the Town paving a gravel road. There was discussion about this and the timing of the proposed work.

Haley had provided information related to potential uses of ARPA funds. If the Select Board agrees to the expenditures, then Haley will take the steps to ensure that they are all allowable use of funds per the ARPA. Kingsbury and Klinepeter commented on support of the proposed expenditures. Klinepeter disagrees with MMA legal opinion that a town meeting approval is

needed to spend the funds but does think we should follow their guidance and schedule a special town meeting. He also wants to wait on allotting the proposed use of funds for municipal building planning until after town meeting.

Clarke stated that she does not support a portable message sign and would like to see a permanent sign at the Fire Station. There was discussion and debate about this. Sign ordinances were discussed. Clarke does not support using \$80,000 for ~~building planning~~ ^{feasibility study} and wants that to go to Kimball Lake Shores broadband build-out. She commented that it was promised to the residents a few years ago and should be followed up on. Klinepeter noted the other efforts that are ongoing to improve broadband. Clarke thinks that if the KLS project is not supported then funds should be set aside for broadband in general. This was discussed further.

Klinepeter made a motion to proceed with the recommendations (with the building planning being on hold until after town meeting). The motion was seconded by Dutton and passed 3-1 (Clarke voted in opposition).

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Dutton made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. There was discussion about the Transfer Station open position. Clarke suggested hiring 2 part time employees instead of 1 full-time so as to perhaps attract more interest.

Other Business: Kingsbury thanked the Town Departments. Clarke encouraged people to use precautions related to COVID. Klinepeter commented about increased water extraction totals and urged people to check on elderly neighbors. He also congratulated Chief Mick on the steps taken to increase staffing at the PD.

Public Forum: Stephen Smith reported that the sound on the meeting recordings is awful and that people should be made to speak into the microphone. He also inquired about the West Fryeburg Cemetery repairs. Curtis Smith made comments about a pending Freedom of Information Act request. Daymond Steer asked for clarification on various agenda items.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #45, 47, 48, & 50 and Accounts Payable Warrants #46, 49 & 51, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 840(2) to deliberate a poverty tax abatement (Case #2021-1), which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to grant poverty abatement (Case #2021-1) for tax year 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 12/23/21

Thomas Kingsbury
Chris Dutton

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