

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, December 23, 2021
6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

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

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Clarke. Clarke noted a correction stating that she is supportive of using ARPA funds for municipal complex building planning but not a feasibility study. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Department Head Reports: Recreation Director Buzzell notes some program changes due to COVID. He commented about the holiday decorating contest and the tree lighting. The advertising of the holiday decorating contest was discussed. Fire Chief Dufresne reminded everyone to keep heating vents cleared from snow. Kingsbury asked about the new gas meter laws and Chief provided an overview of the new requirements to have a gas meter installed in certain occupancies.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Map/Lot 005-002 Tall Pines, LLC in the amount of \$806.00, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Map/Lot 025-071 Sutton Funding in the amount of \$1,252.40, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for Map/Lot 014-038-A00-001 CDL, LLC in the amount of \$588.90, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for Map/Lot 014-038-A00-002 CDL, LLC in the amount of \$549.18, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for Map/Lot 025-071 Tony & Erin Wilson in the amount of \$1,252.40, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Don Thibodeau, Gene Bergoffen, Eric Meltzer and Elbridge Russell each for a 3-year term to the Eastern Slope Airport Authority. The motion was seconded by Klinepeter. Klinepeter asked if these positions were publicized. Haley stated that she just became aware that their terms expired on 12/31 and that each had interest in being reappointed. The motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$200.00 donation from Cassandra and Michael Osso, a \$20.00 donation from David & Delores Lyon, and a \$880 donation from Fryeburg Kitchen & Marketplace for the Fryeburg Police Department, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from Flora Katsiaficas for the Library to be used for the purchase of books or to improvement to the Hester E Mills Children's Room, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$5,000 donation PVHI to the Teen Center and noted that this is an indication of the program's successes. The motion was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to reappoint Nora Schwarz as an Alternate to the Saco River Corridor Commission, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley had provided information on a Local Climate Action Planning Cohort and Community Resilience Partnership, which are potential actions and projects that the Town could participate in. The planning cohort would involve completing a greenhouse gas inventory, climate change vulnerability assessment, GHG reduction goals, climate change adaptation goals with the end result being a Climate Action plan. This would cost approximately \$50,000 and requires community committees/involvement. The Community Resilience Partnership has steps to take to become a partner and then allows the Town to apply for various related grants.

Clarke believes that these might be good projects for the Conservation Committee to spearhead or to chose between. Kingsbury commented about EV charging stations being a part of the potential grants and thinks the Town should not partake in either action. There was discussion about how green building planning could be associated as part of this effort. Klinepeter commented that the Town has already taken many steps to reduce energy consumption and to be more efficient. He thinks that we could spend \$50,000 to continue to make actual changes, rather than to do another planning study. Clarke suggested that this be tabled until we get feedback from the Conservation Committee on their level of interest in being involved. There was conversation about the Select Board being involved in the CC efforts related to this. Haley will follow-up with CC.

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

Other Business: Clarke brought up the solar project taking place on Rt 302 and expressed concerns about the lack of buffer and screening for the adjacent residential properties. She would like to see the Planning Board look at ordinances to improve setback and screening requirements. There needs to be a balance between being supportive of development and protecting residential quality of life. There was a discussion about the Planning Board review process and conditions of approval. Klinepeter noted the Sand Buckets for Seniors program and urged people to use caution when walking around town.

Public Forum: Rick Eastman commented about the location of the Rt 302 solar project being a deer wintering yard. He is also interested in running as Select Board unless a current board member runs again. He asked that the Select Board consider revising the remote participation policy; he is out of town for the winter months and that would allow him to participate.

Daymond Steer asked for clarification on numerous agenda items.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #52 & 54 and Accounts Payable Warrants #53 & 55, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 1-13-2022

Thomas Kingsley
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