Minutes Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center Thursday, January 20, 2022 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.

Clarke made a motion to approve the January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports: n/a

The Board reviewed pricing for waste hauling and disposal based on a summary supplied by the Town Manager. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the North Conway Incinerator bid for a 3-year term, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. Clarke made a motion to accept the pricing presented by Androscoggin Valley Refuse Disposal District, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. There was discussion on the ecomaine cost share program and debate about locking into a rate vs. participating in the cost share program, which is variable based on the recycling market. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the ecomaine bid for the revenue/cost share program for a 3-year term, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. There was a discussion about the process to expend APRA money on the items previously approved, pending the affirmative town meeting vote; there was agreement that those items had already been approved by the Select Board could be purchased/proceeded with. The premium pay previously proposed was discussed and will be revised by Haley and presented for approval at the next meeting.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$1,012.74 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for a dry hydrant, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed with a 2-0-1 vote (Klinepeter abstained).

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 relayed that she heard from a resident who was concerned about the library promoting critical race theory. Clarke acknowledged that there is an educational program being offered and that it is not advocating for critical race theory, rather it is a forum for someone who believes in it to present their viewpoint. She encouraged free speech and for people with all viewpoints to log-in.

Klinepeter encouraged people to make sure that all of their exits are shoveled and kept clear of snow. Kingsbury also noted that vent pipes should be kept clear and fuel gas detectors should be installed per the new law.

Public Forum: n/a

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #63 and Accounts Payable Warrants #64, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 10-24-2022