

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
**Immediately following the Special Town Meeting**

Kimberly Clarke

Thomas Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

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

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

The action to approve the February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes was tabled.

Department Head Reports: Library Director Spofford answered questions about the Critical Race Theory program, which she reported was well attended. Public Works Director France noted that roads will soon be posted and commented on ongoing road maintenance activities. Clarke noted some concerns about sidewalk plowing and the resulting water/ice retention on the sidewalk. This was discussed. Klinepeter pointed out that a section of MDOT constructed sidewalk is already deteriorating. Police Chief Mick provided staffing totals noting that there is a full-time vacancy and 2 reserve officer vacancies. Rec Director Buzzell noted that spring sports sign-ups are available and gave an overview of programs.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a property tax abatement for John Ceglielski for Map 037, Lot 054 in the amount of \$201.60, which was seconded by Clarke. Klinepeter rescinded his motion, with a second by Clarke, and made a new motion to approve a property tax abatement for John Ceglielski for Map 037, Lot 054 in the amount of \$201.50. There was discussion about the demo permit process. The motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from William Housum for the Recreation Dept, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley reviewed proposed draft revisions to the Fryeburg Skateboard Ordinance. She is proposing this to see if the Board has interest in pursuing revisions to not prohibit skateboarding in Fryeburg, since there has been discussion about constructing a skate park in town. Clarke asked for more ordinances to be looked at and questioned the proposed language to not allow skateboards on Main and Portland St in the village. Kingsbury thinks that the existing ordinance should be relaxed. Klinepeter is ok with the prospect of revising the ordinance but does not think that it should be a priority. The topic was tabled.

France provided an overview of the current road sweeper which is 1987 Mobile and which experience serious mechanical issues last fall. He commented that it is not worth putting money into. He has researched other options; to subcontract the work, we would be subject to scheduling issues and a price of about \$150 an hour, which would result in about \$6000 for a year. He looked at 2 different used sweepers this week, notably a 1997 offered for \$10,000. He could continue to look but would have to look out of state. He also noted that Main St, based on

the new curbing, would have to be swept numerous times a year. Haley said contingency funds could be used or a combination of contingency and credit reserve. Clarke made a motion to approve the use of contingency funds (\$10,000) to purchase the sweeper. The motion was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Clarke asked about holding budget committee meetings remotely. Haley replied that there would need to be a remote participation policy in place. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Other Business: n/a

Public Forum: Stephen Smith asked about the process for determining how the non-committed remaining 59% of ARPA funds would be used. Clarke would like to see it used in a effort to offset budget increases. Klinepeter said the decision on future expenditures could be made with Select Board approval. Kingsbury suggested bringing ideas to the Select Board at their regular meetings. Smith asked for transparency and would like to see something published that tracks how the funds have been spent. He commented on the need to talk into microphones so that you can hear people on the recordings. Russell Doe asked about the process for Saco Valley Fire Department to request ARPA funds. He also brought up an incident in North Fryeburg which he responded to as a member of Saco Valley Fire Department.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #74 & 76 and Accounts Payable Warrants #75, 77, 78, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Date:

3/10/22

Thomas Kingsbury

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