

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

Richard Murray III  
Thomas Kingsbury

Kimberly Clarke

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

Action to approve the February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes was tabled. Action to approve the March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes was also tabled.

Department Head reports: Public Works Director Lester France provided an update on work, including prepping the new sweeper, creating a summer project list and dealing with mud season.

Allyson Hill, Oxford County Emergency Management Agency Director, announced Fire Chief Dufresne as 2021 Local Emergency Manager of the Year. She read the recognition letter which notably outlined Chief Dufresne's efforts to coordinate a COVID 19 vaccination clinic. Kingsbury and Clarke both noted that the town is lucky to have Chief Dufresne.

Haley provided a review of draft River Management Agreement between Saco River Recreation Council and the Town of Fryeburg. Bob Tagliaferri and Chief Mick both assisted Haley with the draft. Notable changes include requiring the SRRC to place porta-potties and trash cans on Weston's Beach and changing the language related to police shifts at the river landings. Tagliaferri noted the changing use trends (less overnights, more tube trips) and the improved behavior on the river in the last couple of years. He commented on the efforts of the SRRC to clean trash each week. Clarke made a motion to allow Town Manager Haley to sign the River Agreement. This was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Vincent Osgood to the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed Hannah Guilford's application to the Planning Board. Murray made a motion to approve the appointment which was seconded by Clarke. It was noted that she is not currently a resident but will be upon completion of her house construction. Murray withdrew his motion. Clarke made a motion to table the application, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of ARPA expenditures to date and of potential future expenditures. Haley asked for permission to use ARPA funds for an online GIS system (AxisGIS) under the previously approved IT upgrades allotment. Future proposed expenditures include a parking area at the Town Forest, nozzles for the Fire Department and various equipment needs by the Police Department. There was discussion about the construction of the Town Forest parking area.

There was also discussion about the need for bulletproof vests for the PD and the proposed new radios compatibility with county dispatch. The CAD (Computer Automated Dispatch) system was reviewed. Clarke made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented.

Haley provided a review of credit reserve balance and potential expenditures. It was noted that these uses of credit reserve would need to go on the Town Meeting warrant so Haley is looking for feedback to draft the warrant. Clarke wants to see Oxford Street on the list for sidewalk replacement. Lyman Drive was discussed. Stephen Chase asked about a preferred balance in credit reserve. It was noted that the Select Board has decided last year that about 1.2 million was a good amount. Clarke made a motion to propose using \$100,000 in credit reserve for Oxford Street sidewalk replacement. The motion was seconded by Murray and passed 2-1 with Kingsbury opposing. Clarke made a motion to approve the list of proposed expenditures, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of broadband including efforts of the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband committee, efforts to get Redzone to Fryeburg, and the GPCOG efforts.

Clarke made a motion to allow the Dole 3-miler to take place on the rail trail on August 13<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. There was discussion about the transient hangar at the airport and a potential ribbon cutting ceremony. Clarke made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Murray mentioned the need for a light at the Academy crosswalk and asked if that had been followed up on. Haley will try to follow-up again.

Public Forum: n/a

Murray made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #84 & 86 and Accounts Payable Warrants #85 & 87, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 4-14-2022

Thomas Gimpsey

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