Minutes Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:00 PM

Richard Murray III

Kimberly Clarke

Jim Tyrrell

Thomas Klinepeter

Thomas Kingsbury

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

Department Head reports: Police Chief Mick showed pictures of shed construction at the Police Department which will be used to store things such as traffic cones. Recreation Director Buzzell provided information about summer programs. There was a discussion about the teen center donation and uses of those funds.

Clarke made a motion to approve the June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes which was seconded by Murray and passed 4-0-1.

Clarke made a motion for Kingsbury to continue serving as Select Board Chair, noting his attendance and respectful nature. Klinepeter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Clarke made a motion for Tyrrell to serve as Vice Chair, noting that it would be a good learning opportunity. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Town of Denmark signing a Contract with Mission Broadband on behalf of Fryeburg (as a member of the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband group) and to disburse our share of \$8,800, which was seconded by Murray. Clarke asked why Denmark is the official contract signer and if they get more say in the process. Haley said that Denmark has taken the lead on this since the ESRB initiation and that the plan is to have every town Select Board vote on every step of the process to ensure that the town's all have equitable say and that there is transparency. The motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a property tax abatement for Green Thumb Property Management, Tax Map 009-018-001, in the amount of \$413.85, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a brief overview on landscaping options for the Route 302/5 island. Clarke noted that she liked Gena Spencer/Ace of Spades vision and made a motion to proceed with her proposal, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Clarke also noted the Jennifer Regan has done a great job at the monument and would like her to continue that work and add to the new portion of the monument.

Klinepeter made a motion to accept a \$25,000 donation from the Pythagorean Lodge for the Teen Center, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Murray made a motion to accept a \$159.95 donation from Fryeburg Rotary for the Library, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. There was a discussion about the affordable housing law and amount of work that it will mean for the Planning Board. Clarke made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Tyrrell noted that the Fryeburg Business Association is holding concerts at Bradley Park on Tuesday evenings in July. Murray asked Chief Mick if part-time officers get bullet proof vests. Chief responded that he is unsure about past practices but has a \$5000 grant, which will be matched by ARPA funds to be used for BPV for all officers. Clarke inquired about the work being done at Nouria; it was confirmed that there are underground fuel storage tanks being installed and catch basins. Murray brought up the old Mobile station and asked what could be done about that. Haley noted that SMPDC included the project in a Brownfields grant request but noted that the owner has not been responsive about offers for assistance and requests to improve the property. Fire Chief Dufresne noted that they are keeping up on the annual tank maintenance requirements of DEP.

Public Forum: Russell Doe wanted to clear up comments from Town Meeting about Saco Valley Fire Department not being accredited. He is unsure where the resident got that information and tried calling the residents insurance company to get more information. He provided the certificate of good standing for SVFD. He asked about the 2 message board signs owned by the Town and it was confirmed that one was purchased with ARPA funds and the other with a Homeland Security Grant. He also asked about follow-up on a specific drug related issue involving a child.

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #112 & 114 & 115 and Accounts Payable Warrants #113 & 116, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Murray made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 841, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Following the executive session Clarke made a motion to table the request for abatement, as reviewed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

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

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