

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, July 14, 2022
6:00 PM

Richard Murray III
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Kingsbury

Jim Tyrrell

The following public hearings were held:

- Mobile Vendor License for Frosty Bear, LLC- No comments
- Liquor License Renewal for the Barn at the Old Saco Inn- No comments
- Liquor License Renewal for the Old Saco Inn- No comments
- Special Amusement Permit for Old Saco Inn- No comments
- Automobile recycling permit for Robert McKenzie at 40 Raven Lane: McKenzie explained that he needed this permit based on laws related to catalytic converter recycling and that he will not be scrapping vehicles and that there will be no vehicles on his property. He keeps catalytic converters in his truck which is parked in his garage at night. There will be no onsite business and he only buys from licensed salvage yards which track converters by VIN#. Haley relayed a concern from an abutter about the operation expanding and about setting precedence. Clarke asked about how this relates to land use ordinance. Haley explained her opinion that this use is a home occupation that requires no approvals. A member of the public expressed concern about groundwater, and the potential presence of vehicles onsite; she asked the board to be specific and explicit in the approval. The public hearing was closed.

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

Department Head reports: Public Works Director France provided an update on work being done; ditching/culverts on Hemlock Bridge Rd, bike path mowing, roadside mowing, getting winter sand. He also relayed that a roll-off truck for the Transfer Station was purchased from VA. Fire Chief Dufresne provided May & June calls for service, fleet maintenance and training completed. Police Chief Mick noted that PD attended the Chalk the Trail event and did a river boat patrol. Rec Director Buzzell reviewed summer rec and stated that the 4th of July fireworks and parade were successes. There was discussion about the location of the fireworks (fairground vs. rec fields).

Haley introduced CEO/Assessors Agent Natalie Foret.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a Mobile Vendor License for Frosty Bear, LLC, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for the Barn at the Old Saco Inn, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

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Clarke made a motion to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Old Saco Inn, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve an Automobile recycling permit for Robert McKenzie at 40 Raven Lane, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided bid results for the Recreation Storage Garage and concrete slab. There was discussion about the large difference in the bid prices and the contractors (RTD & Drew Corp). Kingsbury made a motion to proceed with the low bidder (RTD) for the concrete slab, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Clarke made a motion to proceed with Hill View Mini Barns for the garage, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of the Town of Fryeburg Commercial Solar Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance and proposal to hold a special town meeting. After discussion about specifics of the ordinance, Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for August 11th. The motion was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. Clarke made a motion to approve the Certification of Ordinance for the Town of Fryeburg Commercial Solar Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment for Map 022, Lot 054 in the name of Dan & Jeannie Roy in the amount of \$6,298.20, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Personal Property tax account #221 in the name of B&B Performance in the amount of \$25.63, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to proceed with eviction, clean-up and sale of foreclosed properties identified on Tax Map 025, Lot 062 and 025-063A. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley opened discussion on future ARPA disbursements by stating that the town has received its second ARPA payment. She summarized how much has been received and how much has been allotted. Clarke asked Haley what other requests for ARPA funds there have been. Haley said that there is a need for a rec dept bus and that Buzzell is looking around for one. She commented on a preference to save some funds, given the economy. Clarke made a motion to give the requested \$34,124 to Saco Valley Fire Dept for the purchase of an extrication tool, as requested. Murray seconded the motion. Klinepeter commented on his support but believes that the same extrication tool should be purchased for the Fryeburg Fire Dept.

There was discussion about tool specifics and compatibility and purchasing policies. It was noted that the surrounding mutual aid fire departments use the same tool. Following continued discussion about process, it was decided to have Haley research the purchasing policy to make sure that the acquisition of the specific desired extrication tool is not done contrary to the purchasing policy. The motion to give SVFD \$34,124 passed unanimously.

There was discussion about a citizen request to construct an additional monument in honor of the Abenaki tribe at the Battleground Monument. Clarke stated that she does not believe in revisionist history and thinks that the placement of an additional monument is not appropriate, especially given the specifics of the battle referenced. She is in favor of recognizing the Abenaki history and culture, in a different location. Kingsbury is in favor of a monument. Tyrrell wants to know more about the proposed monument design, wording and location. He also questioned whether there are deed restrictions. There was conversation about the history and continued debate on the appropriateness of recognizing the Abenaki in this location. Nora Schwarz recommended consulting with the historical society. Tyrrell made a motion to table until more information could be obtained. The motion was seconded by Murray. It was questioned what additional information would be needed to make a decision. Tyrrell ultimately withdrew his motion. Clarke made a motion to deny the citizen request at this point in time, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: Murray asked about the COLA raises approved. Haley confirmed that it was 6%. Murray thought that it was 10% and Haley confirmed that the Budget Committee ultimately opted to recommend 6%, which was supported by the Select Board. Murray also noted that employees should be wearing reflective vests when working in/near the roadway and that the message board sign should be used for the upcoming airstream event at the fairgrounds.

Clarke noted that it is not appropriate to use the ^{Fire Dept} message board sign at the library for the book sale. She would be in favor of using the Fire Dept sign or getting a kiosk at the library for such things. She asked about Main St line striping; Chief Dufresne relayed that the state said they were completing that next week. It was stated that the parking spaces should be painted. Clarke asked about the status of Fiddlehead Campground; Haley confirmed that they received approvals to open. Clarke noted that there should have been an agenda item related to the recent notification to Fryeburg Water Company customers about the presence of PFAS in the water. She questioned whether Hunting ^{could have} contributed to the elevated PFAS levels and questioned the source of contamination. She expressed concerns about Blue Triton withdrawals and drought conditions. Kingsbury commented that PFAS are all around us and that the test might have been contaminated. Tyrrell stated that it is important to not panic and noted that the water is withing the federal threshold for PFAS.

Klinepeter congratulated local Charlie Berg on his Emmy award. He also inquired about the status of the land sale with Watson; Haley expects the deed to be drafted soon and the closing to be scheduled.

Kingsbury made comments about Gypsy moths.

Public Forum: Schwarz stated that a bulletin board at the post office should be used. She then asked the Select Board why they didn't attend the Water District meeting. Tyrrell responded that he didn't realize that FWC was for sale and questioned the relevance of the topic. Kingsbury said he had personal issues to attend to. Klinepeter has no interest in the town taking over the water system. Clarke believes that there is no legal authority to take over the water system given that it crosses state lines and that it is not financially practical. Schwarz asked the Board to make PFAS an agenda item. Clarke stated that someone from Maine Water or the Drinking Water Program should attend the next meeting.

Vincent Carbone asked if the Town has looked into the K-12 Civics classes. Haley conveyed that she made an inquiry to MMA and they had no idea what she was talking about. There was a similar program that ended in the early 2000's through the council of social studies. Carbone had talked to someone from MMA about the program and said he would forward the information.

Daymond Steer asked for clarification on various agenda items.

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #117, 118, 1, 2 & and Accounts Payable Warrants #119, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

Murray made a motion to motion to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 841, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. Following the exit from executive session Klinepeter made a motion to approve an abatement for tax years 2022, in the amount of \$1,853.80 as reviewed in executive session" June 23, 2022 pursuant to Title 36 MRSA §841-2. The motion was seconded by Clarke and failed with a 0-5 vote.

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

Date: 7-28-22



