

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, July 28, 2022
6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury opened the Public Hearings on an application for Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza. There were no comments and the 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 noted that the catch basin risers for Warren St have been specially ordered, the parking space striping in town will take place next week and that the recreation storage garage slab was being prepped. Library Director Spofford highlighted that the library is now open 6 days per week and that the added Friday is going well. Recreation Director Buzzell provided summer rec updates and noted that the basketball courts are being resurfaced this coming weekend.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Clarke. Clarke noted two items to be revised. The minutes, as revised, were unanimously approved.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Fryeburg House of Pizza and the Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury opened the discussion with Maine Water representatives related to PFAS. Mark Vannoy, Maine Water President, was present as was Mike Cummons, Director of Service Delivery. Vannoy provided background info on public water systems, regulatory oversight, and PFAS in general. He reviewed the results of the PFAS levels detected in well #2 and provided an analogy that this is comparable to 2 gallons of contaminated water in Lake Michigan. After detecting PFAS in well #2 the well was immediately secured and the public water supply transitioned to well #3. Maine Water is working on a remediation plan which will include treatment as a 2 part-plan. The first effort will be in place by September. The second part will require the construction of a building to house treatment systems.

Tyrrell asked about the specific numbers that created the average 32 ppt level; it was confirmed that both test results were around that number and did not consist of vast variances. Tyrrell brought up reverse osmosis as a treatment method for homeowners and it was confirmed that testing of well #3 will take place quarterly.

Clarke inquired about the number of wells being tested across the state and if our well is the only contaminated one. Vannoy responded the Drinking Water Program has a database online of

community water systems that have been tested; he noted that many have yet to be tested but that some community water systems have resulted in elevated PFAS levels. Clarke asked how PFAS got into the water supply; Vannoy said that DEP will help with that determination. Clarke asked whether the drought is impacting the wells. Vannoy believes the wells are in good shape.

Klinepeter noted the Fryeburg Fire Dept discontinued use of firefighting foam that contains PFAS years ago. Kingsbury inquired about the various treatment methods. Vannoy said there are 3 known treatments: carbon/charcoal filters, ionic exchange, and reverse osmosis. They are pursuing ionic exchange.

Scot Montgomery stated that well #3 hasn't been used in awhile and is closest to the landfill and commented on a contract condition requiring that a second water source be investigated and noted the towns vulnerability. Lastly, he asked if continued withdrawal on well #1 will impact well #2. Cummons noted that many public water supplies rely solely on a singular well but that they like having redundancy. He stated that well #3 actually contributes to about 50% of the towns water supply typically and that well #3 has a backup generator and Maine Water has a backup pump and motor on hand. Vannoy will renew efforts to have Nestle seek options for a second water source.

Daymond Steer asked a couple of clarification questions, notably about the old landfill and its proximity to wells. Vannoy noted that the Drinking Water Program did approve these well locations.

Clarke commented that the town will not hesitate to ask Nestle to stop extracting water if there is a belief that the water levels are low and Vannoy also confirmed that they would also not hesitate and that the Maine Water customers come first.

Edy Kizaki asked why well #1 was not contaminated. Vannoy reiterated that he is not an expert on causes and also noted that Maine Water is not required to test well #1 since it is not used as part of the public water supply. Well #1 would need to be tested per the DWP requirements if we transitioned to using that. There was a discussion about water quality changes and the new need to test for PFAS and other emerging contaminants. Clarke commented that the concerns about well #1 are valid and that we should look into test results.

Chris Whitaker was present to address the request by Mary Whitaker to speak to the Select Board about the Legion Hall. He had a list of requests which he reviewed and which included adding sound deadening panels, using the basement for storage, placing a pool table with a table top, expanding hours of PVHI, and ultimately leasing the building to PVHI full-time with them being in charge of paying bills and scheduling the use of the Legion to other entities.

Klinepeter noted that the deed contains restrictions. Tyrrell commented that the Select Board should designate a legion committee as is required by the deed; that committee is who should be making the decisions about the legions use. There was discussion about the basement storage space and the Town's needs. Clarke is supportive of the pool table placement and the sound panels but wants to see a proposal on the expanded hours. The pool table and the hours were discussed. Clarke made a motion to approve the Whitakers request to add sound deadening panels and dividers and a pool table at the Legion, which was seconded by Tyrrell. Klinepeter wishes to see the actual space before voting. The motion failed with a 2-1-1 vote (Kingsbury

against, Klinepeter abstained). Tyrrell made a motion to approve the request for panels/dividers which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the signing of the letter of approval for West Fryeburg Agricultural Society for license to operate games of chance and to sign forms MGUC 5000, 5300, 5400. This was seconded Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the use of ARPA funds to purchase a vehicle extrication tool for use by Fryeburg Fire Dept and to waive the competitive bid process per the purchasing policy. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed 3-0-1 (Klinepeter abstained).

Clarke made a motion to approve FY 2023 social service agency distributions, which was seconded by Tyrrell. Tyrrell commented on his concern about giving funds to agencies that don't specifically request funds. Clarke noted that all of these organizations help members of the community. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a tax abatement in the amount of \$1,530 for Daniel & Jeannie Roy for Map 022, Lot 054, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. The managers report led to a discussion about the recently enacted senior property tax stabilization law. Clarke noted that it is a good tool for people who are in need of tax assistance and encouraged them to apply but also suggested that those who don't need it should not apply. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the Town Managers report, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Tyrrell noted that the town needs to find a way to share more information about resources, such as the tax stabilization program. Klinepeter commented that the Avesta housing project at the CA Snow School was finally beginning. He asked about the status of the West Fryeburg Road cemetery repairs; Haley noted that she has been in contact with Arthurs Memorials and that they have been plagued by delays, notably with the shipment of the stones. He also requested a discussion and reviews on revenue projections before committing taxes. Kingsbury thanked town employees for their work.

Public Forum: Vincent Carbone noted that he is holding his annual gathering on August 19th & 20th at Canal Bridge and that it will serve as a fundraiser for PVHI. He asked about the K-12 civics classes and Haley responded that she determined what he was referring to and linked the MMA documents related to civic engagement on the town website for people to look at.

Carol Brooks asked that the microphone be situated to that people speaking can project their voices to the audience as well as the board.

Russell Doe asked if the message board signs could highlight the Saco Valley Fire Dept annual chicken BBQ, thanked the board for approving ARPA funds for an extrication tool, and asked if the town was selling any properties currently. That led to a discussion about the red brick building. Doe asked about the status of a complaint he filed about a town employee. Haley noted that she received the complaint and followed up but can't provide specifics. Doe noted displeasure about not receiving any follow-up from the Town Manager. There was a discussion about how to deal with complaints and how to respond to the complainant and how to notify the

board of such complaints. It was requested that the manager seek legal advice on how to respond to complaints, within the confines of the confidentiality laws.

Scot Montgomery noted concerns about the water situation and stated that it is important for the town leaders to look at what is going on and to be involved and work together with Fryeburg Water District. Carbone made follow-up statements.

Daymond Steer asked for documents that were discussed in the meeting.

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #4 & 6 & and Accounts Payable Warrants #120, 121, 122, 3, 5, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 8-11-2022

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James C. Tyrrell