

Minutes

Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center

Thursday, October 27, 2022

6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

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

Department Head reports: Chief Mick provided insight into a recent search warrant and noted that Saturday is national drug take back day and that unused drugs may be dropped off at the Police Station lobby. He also commented about Trunk or Treat on Halloween and the Toys for Tots drop offs at the Town Office and Police Det lobby.

Clarke made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a Resolution to participate in the Community Resilience Partnership, which was seconded by Kingsbury. Haley provided background on the process to enroll on the partnership was spearheaded by the Conservation Committee at the suggestion of the Select Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Nora Schwarz provided details on the request by Fryeburg Water District to use ARPA funds to test the Fryeburg Historical Society well point for PFAS. The testing is necessary to allow the well to become an approved (by the Drinking Water Program) transient community well. This will allow residents, walkers, bikers, etc. to get water. Tyrrell made a motion to use approve the request for funds, which was seconded by Klinepeter. There was discussion about access, ownership and potential liability. Clarke offered to donate the \$350 needed for testing. Stephen Chase stepped up and offer to pay for the testing on behalf of his company JAB Properties. Tyrrell withdrew his motion.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Town of Fryeburg Policy for Public Forum at Select Board Meetings, which was seconded by Tyrrell. The motion passed unanimously. Schwarz asked for clarification on the policy. Chase inquired if the Planning Board could adopt a similar policy.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$75 donation/prize from West Oxford Agricultural Society for the Fryeburg Public Library; this is prize money for the FPL fair exhibit. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint John Weston as Election Warden for the November 8th General Election, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to appoint Diane Gushee as Deputy Warden for the November 8th General Election, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke questioned whether Therese Mergen's intended to resign from the from the Bicycle, Walkways, Trails Committee or whether she wanted to step down from being chair, based on her correspondence. The acceptance of her resignation was tabled until that could be clarified.

There was discussion of process related to the future Municipal Complex. It was decided that there should be a building committee and the make-up of the committee was discussed. Clarke made a motion to establish a building committee comprised of 9 people; Town Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, 1 Select Board member, 2-3 general stakeholders and 2-3 people that the experiences in design, construction, and/or finance. The motion was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Haley will solicit interested people. Clarke offered to serve to serve as the Select Board representative. There was discussion about clearing the lot.

Haley provided some updates on the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband process and noted future decisions to be made. There was discussion about meeting attendance and options for broadband network ownership/operations schemes.

Clarke made a motion to approve a Personal Property abatement in the amount of \$6,168.04 for Account #288 in the name of Paradise Machine, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$290.70 for Map 021, Lot 013 in the name of Pamela Hale, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$482.76 for Map 009, Lot 018 in the name of Webster Jones, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: Kingsbury made a call for Budget Committee members. There was discussion about the need for a Budget Committee.

Public Forum: Chase provided comments about paying staff appropriately in order to retain quality employees. Daymond asked questions about certain agenda items.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #34 & 36 and Accounts Payable Warrants #35 & 37, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(a) for annual town managers review, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Following the exit from executive session, Clarke made a motion to extend the term of employment within the employment contract to October 27, 2025 and to increase the town managers salary by 8% effective next pay period. The motion was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 11-3-2022

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