

Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, November 17, 2022
6:00 PM

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury called the Select Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Kingsbury introduced Brennan McAllister who recently completed a 4-H project; she explained that she planted a tulip “Hope Garden” at the Fryeburg Public Library. The Select Board thanked her.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Department Head reports: Public Works Director France provided updates of winter work. Chief Mick noted the officers are working on annual trainings. Chief Dufresne updated the Board on the completion of the East Fryeburg Station roof. Kingsbury thanked Chief Dufresne for his efforts to train fire fighters, as was outlined in the Maine Cities & Town’s magazine. Haley introduced new Library Director Maryann Eastman. Eastman provided a bit of background about herself and reviewed the results of a survey she put out at the elections.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

The bid the for 1987 Mobile Sweeper was opened. Clarke made a motion to accept Warren Smith’s bid for \$622, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

The bids for the 1986 Mack triaxle roll-off were opened. Clake made a motion to accept Warren Smith’s bid for \$2022, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of solar options related to net energy billing, which are 1) to proceed with the previously contract Encore, 2) explore other options through brokers such as Powermarket, or 3) look into placing solar panels on a town property. After discussion Clarke made a motion to withdraw from the Encore contract, due to their inability to meet the contract terms, and pursue other net energy billing options. The motion was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept a \$11,021.12 Homeland Security Grant through the Oxford County EMA for body-worn cameras for the Police Department, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to accept a \$50,000 donation from the West Oxford Agricultural Society, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept Therese Mergen's resignation from the Bicycle Walkways Trails Committee, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept Donna Girard's resignation from the Broadband Committee, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Stephen Chase to the Budget Committee, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a property tax abatement in the amount of \$498.78 for Tax Map 029, Lot 008-C00 in the name of Ronald S Light and Suzanne Eastman. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a brief update on the actions of the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband Committee. Clarke also chimed in noting that a flyer was created to put in kids backpacks to update them and their parents about the effort to obtain access to affordable high-speed internet. She encouraged people to take speed tests.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the Agreement Between the Town of Fryeburg and Teamsters Local Union 340 (Police Patrol Officer) Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Clarke inquired about the status of affordable housing act ordinance updates; Haley reported that she has reached out to SMPDC to get an estimate for them to assist with the ordinance updates. There were discussions about sidewalks. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Public Forum: n/a

Tyrrell made a motion to Payroll Warrants #40, 41 and Accounts Payable Warrants #42, which was seconded by Clarke and passed 3-1 (Klinepeter opposed). Klinepeter commented that he was voting against a payroll warrant out of principle. This led to a brief discussion about Select Board attendance and comments that the pay of an elected official can't be reduced regardless of a lack of attendance.

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

Date: 12-8-2022





