

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, December 22, 2022
6:00 PM**

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury opened the Public Hearing on the petition submitted by Gary Fortin to modify the order to close Bog Pond Road to winter travel and maintenance; the petition requests the modification to include the installation of an additional gate to allow access to the property identified on Tax Map 14, Lot 9-C. French explained his proposal to build a residence on his property off Bog Pond Road and would like year around access. He understands that the road floods and confirmed that he was aware of the seasonal status of the road when he purchased the property. He stated that he will maintain the portion of the road between the current gate and the proposed gate. He would like first responders to be able to access his property. Fire Chief Dufresne noted that the Dept. does not have fire vehicles that can travel over non maintained roads in the winter. Chris Kanzler and Kevin Fellows both expressed concerns about the cost to tax payers and a desire to not have Bog Pond Rd opened in the winter. Klinepeter noted that the town would be obligated to maintain the road if it was opened and that we cannot allow the general public to maintain town roads. There was discussion about budget implications and the need to go to town meeting to get funds to upgrade the road. 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 a review of the last storm efforts. Recreation Director provided an update on programs. Fire Chief Dufresne also provided a storm overview and noted what is being done to prep for the next storm. Library Director Eastman provided information on library stats and upcoming events. Police Chief Mick commented about finally getting a new police cruiser and training/academy updates for officers.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to leave the Bog Pond Road winter closure as outlined in the existing order, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously. It was confirmed that this meant the request to move and/or add a gate was denied.

Clarke made a motion to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants to release Map 043, Lot 017 to Carole B. White, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. It was confirmed that White was able to pay all of the back taxes and reacquire title to her property.

Clarke made a motion to approve a property tax abatement in the amount of \$1,564.00 for Map 025, Lot 003 in the name of La Metairie, LLC, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Tyrrell made a motion to proceed with the issuance of the Contract Assessors Agent RFP, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Edward Price to the Budget Committee, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Teamsters Local Union No. 340 and the Town of Fryeburg, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept \$45,000 donation from Bluetriton Brands, Inc.; \$10,000 to the Fryeburg Fuel Pantry, \$35,000 to the Teen Center (with gratitude). The motion was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Haley provided Eastern Slope Regional Broadband Committee updates, noting that the committee was in receipt of 6 proposals for broadband buildout. Clarke offered to assist in reviewing those.

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

Other Business: Kingsbury commented about feedback that he received from residents about their concerns about Select Board members bringing up Conway's business at Fryeburg Select Board meetings. Clarke noted that she does this because decisions made in Conway affect Fryeburg residents. Tyrrell questioned whether committees should speak and represent themselves as town representatives speaking on behalf of the town. This was discussed and it was noted that appointed board/committee members can speak as members but should not state that they are representatives since they are not elected. Tyrrell also commented about taking offense to Facebook posts and emails directed at the Select Board and Town Manager and cautioned people about believing certain things they read on Facebook. Clarke commented about the wreaths in town. Klinepeter reminded people to keep their vent pipes clear of snow and to keep the second means of egress shoveled.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked about storm preparations and whether Select Board members will be censored. Stephen Chase asked if there would be follow up with boards/committees about speaking as town representatives. Clarke suggested that the Town Manager send a memo to boards/committees.

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #49 & 50, 51 and Accounts Payable Warrants #48 & 52, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 1-12-2023

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