

Minutes

**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, February 9, 2023
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: Library Director Eastman provided January library stats, book sale and program updates and made an appeal for people to contact her if they are interested in speaking about interests or unique stories. Police Chief Mick relayed that the Criminal Justice Academy is going well for our attending officer. Public Works Director France provided updates on equipment and winter difficulties. He also asked that the Select Board table making a decision to purchase a plow truck to give him time to look at the truck that would be available at the start of next winter (the salesman had been on vacation).

Clarke made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Liquor License for 302 West Smokehouse & Tavern at 636 Main Street, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

It was agreed to table the approval of the plow/dump truck purchase.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve the Lease Modification Agreement with Fryeburg Rescue Association, which was seconded by Kingsbury. After discussion about the timing of the new police station/municipal complex, the motion passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve CMP Pole permit for Smith St (intersection of Smith & Fair), which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley noted that the airport solar company (BNRG/Dirigo) reached out with a very preliminary proposal to downsize airport solar project based on the economics of tying into the grid and sought input from the board. Clarke would support the idea of downsizing if it is still beneficial to the airport and approved by them. Kingsbury would rather see the full project be built but supports downsizing if that is the only option. Klinepeter questioned whether it would result in the need for a new town meeting approval. Tyrrell asked if it would result in increasing budget requests from the town. The Board agreed, in concept, to downsizing if it makes economic sense.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Mutual Equipment Sharing Agreement with the Town of Brownfield, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to accept the following Mulford Fund Grants:

- \$4,500 for 4th of July Fireworks
- \$5,000 for landscaping/beautification
- \$52,000 for Legion softball field improvements
- \$2,400 for Bradley Park Summer Concert Series

• \$17,000 for Eastern Slope Airport Authority for operating expenses
This was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Rob Prue of Pine Tree Engineering had provided preliminary cost estimates for road improvements for 2023-2027. Roads included for reconstruction include Little Chatham, Pine Street, South Chatham, Oak Ridge, Stepping Stone, Denmark and Hemlock Bridge Rds. Haley suggested a few revisions to PTE's plan including combining Oak Ridge and Stepping Stone into a singular 1-year project and combining Denmark and Hemlock Bridge into a singular project to be completed over 2 years. There was discussion about whether Pine St could reasonably be a 1-year project. It was decided to do Pine St. as a 1 year project and to proceed with the plan, with the revisions Haley suggested.

Eastern Slope Regional Broadband Committee updates: Haley noted that the next meeting will be March 8th not February 22nd.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Clarke commented that the revisions to the draft Short-term rental ordinance language was well done. Klinepeter asked if Smith Street sidewalks will be bid soon.

Other Business: Kingsbury asked people to pick-up after their dogs.

Public Forum: Russell Doe asked for clarification on the Mulford Fund Grants and questions about insurance on mutual equipment sharing. He asked how fire wardens are appointed. Haley believes that the Select Board formally appoints them. He then asked about the towns knowledge of a barn on Cornshop Road that was burned in January; he claimed that the burn rules were not followed and there should have been other approvals including DEP. The Select Board asked Haley to look into this further. Doe then alluded to a town employee using a loader to do personal snow removal.

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #68, 70 & 71 and Accounts Payable Warrants #69 & 72, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 2-23-2023

Thomas Kingsbury
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James C. Tyrrell