

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

Jim Tyrrell      Thomas Kingsbury      Thomas Klinepeter (arrived late due to fire call)

Kingsbury called the Select Board Meeting to order; there was no quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Department Head reports: Public Works Director France provided his opinion on which plow truck to purchase and there was discussion on resident sand/salt usage. Rec Director Buzzell reported that winter sports are done and that spring sport sign-us have been released and that over 100 kids are already signed up.

Haley provided a quick overview of Brian Fram's request to purchase town property (former Lovewell Pond connection to Pine St). It was noted that this might be a feasible request but that Fram would need to do all of the leg work, including surveying, and would need to make an offer and it would ultimately need to be approved by the town voters.

The next steps of the 2021 foreclosure process were discussed. It is a matter of waiting to see if the former owners of the 2 newly foreclosed properties reach out about setting up a contract to make payments. If that does not happen then the properties can be sold.

Kingsbury noted that Russell Doe had asked questions in Public Forum at the 2/9/2023 and that the Town Manager was instructed to find out more information. Doe claimed that an open burn was improperly administered by a town fire warden. Haley reported the following:

- Chief Dufresne confirmed that an open burning permit was issued to Barry Hill to burn at 125 Corn Shop Rd on December 16<sup>th</sup>, which is presumably the event Mr. Doe was speaking of.
- Chief Dufresne met with Mr. Hill and answered questions about the burning of demo debris. Chief requested the opportunity to inspect the burn materials to ensure compliance.
- Chief Dufresne completed 3 different inspections as the burn pile was being created and found no prohibited materials present.
- Chief inspected the fire numerous times while it was burning and found no issues.
- No notification to Maine DEP or the State Fire Marshall Office was required by the fire warden.
- Haley spoke to Hill and made him aware of the need for a demo permit; Hill will obtain that, after-the-fact.

Kingsbury also noted that Doe made an allegation that town personnel was using town equipment (a loader) to do snow removal on their own property. It was confirmed that no town personnel did so. Haley requested that complaints about town staff be directed to her for addressing.

Haley provided her town managers report.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned. The meeting re-opened at approximately 6:30 when Klinepeter arrived. A quorum was declared.

Fire Chief Dufresne provided his report of January calls for service, training and equipment maintenance. He reminded people to keep their vents clear of snow.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve purchase of a 2023 International HV507 from HP Fairfield, pending Town Meeting approval of funds as allowed by the procurement policy. This was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of proposals for Contract Assessing Agent. At this time, Atlantic Valuation Service was the only entity to submit a proposal; Klinepeter pointed out that the date for submittal was actually the 24<sup>th</sup> and not the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Haley said she had corresponded with and met with the AVS rep, Robert Konzcal numerous times as he considered the proposal. His proposal is for an annual fee of \$33,000. He offered to assist with this years April 1<sup>st</sup> listings for an add-on of \$7,200. Haley suggested proceeding with this. Klinepeter made a motion to proceed with AVS, pending no other proposals are submitted. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. Klinepeter made a motion to approve the usage of \$7,200 in credit reserve funds for the proposed "bridge agreement" to complete April 1 listings. This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve using \$3,375 in contingency funds for the purchase/installation of security cameras for the recreation complex, which was seconded by Tyrrell. There was discussion about the camera locations and security system vs. monitoring cameras. Tyrrell asked what it would cost to add 1 camera in the upstairs of the Community Center. Buzzell will get that price. The motion passed 2-1 (Tyrrell voted in opposition).

Klinepeter made a motion to accept the Roadway Improvement Plan for 2023-2028, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. Klinepeter requested that a letter be sent to Stow to make them aware of our plans to repair South Chatham Road.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve use of Mountain Division Rail Trail on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Chalk the Trail" event, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to accept \$150 donation from the Friends of Fryeburg Public Library to the Fryeburg Public Library for the Books on Call Program, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Kingsbury asked about the status of the property known as Simmaron Ranch. Haley will follow-up with the CEO.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer had questions about the accidents rates at the Haleytown Road intersection. Chief Dufresne confirmed that there has been an increased. Steer also asked questions and made comments related to the public ownership of the Fryeburg Water Company. He asked about a petition process and the potential of completing a feasibility study for town ownership. Tyrrell said the company wasn't for sale and that he would not favor an eminent domain action. Klinepeter confirmed that a petition could be done for town meeting.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #73 & 75 and Accounts Payable Warrants #74, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 3-9-2023

  
Thomas Kingsbury

  
James C. Tyrrell