

Minutes

Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center

Thursday, March 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.

Kingsbury opened the Public Hearing on Application for Liquor License for Saco Valley Sports Center located at 95 Pine Street; there were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Department Head reports: Library Director Eastman provided the February library stats, program and upcoming events overview, and highlighted the ongoing book sale. Police Chief Mick commented that the police department has been exceptionally busy. It was brought up that Chief Mick did a Dr. Seuss reading program at the library and dressed up as the Cat in the Hat.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve the February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Klinepeter noted a necessary correction and seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Application for Liquor License for Saco Valley Sports Center located at 95 Pine Street, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to appoint Kimberly Smith as the Local Health Officer and Assistant Tax Collector, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to award Little Chatham Road paving bid to Manzer Fine Grade & Earthwork, pending Town Meeting approval of appropriation of funds. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley reviewed Philip Jacobs request to reduce annual permit fees for Adult Use Marijuana Licenses and it was discussed. Clarke liked the tiered system that other towns (notably Bridgton) have set up. There was discussion about permitting processes and potential fees for medical marijuana. Kingsbury sees no reason to change the fee schedule. Klinepeter made a motion to table discussion and action until May (after budget season). This was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$116.57 for Map 038, Lot 003 in the name of Judith Calley, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

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Haley provided an overview of a resident request to tap maple trees at the Transfer Station property. Clarke suggested that this could be accomplished with a simple letter of agreement and small yearly fee. She does not believe that this would require a town meeting vote to allow. There was discussion about necessary insurance, the scale of the proposed tapping operation, and the potential need for a process to allow others to also tap trees. Haley suggested inviting Stuart to the meeting so he can explain the details

of his operation. Tyrrell made a motion to table this until May, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: It was established that the tax due date of April 15th is a weekend, so taxes will be due the following Monday. Clarke will not be present at the April 13th meeting. Tyrrell provided updates from the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband meeting that took place the previous evening. He noted the timeline of grant applications and of some developments, notably that communities that are largely served, even if poorly, will not likely receive grant funding. How this impacts Fryeburg was discussed. Clarke does not support any effort that does not improve broadband for all residents. Haley will do some follow-up to better understand what steps should be taken to situate Fryeburg to still improve broadband for everyone. Clarke provided her opinion that the Town should leave at least 2 million in credit reserve.

Public Forum: No one spoke.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #76 78 & 79 and Accounts Payable Warrants #77 & 80, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor position, which was seconded by Tyrrell. Upon exit from executive session, Clarke made a motion to provide a \$300/week stipend for the Town Manager for covering CEO/Assessing tasks in the absence of the appointed CEO/Assessor. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. It was confirmed that this will be retroactive.

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

Date: 3-23-2023




