

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center
Thursday, May 11 2023
6:00 PM**

Kimberly Clarke
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Kingsbury opened the Public Hearing on Application for Adult Use Marijuana License for Cured LLC located at 295 Bridgton Road to manufacture adult use marijuana products. Tom Fuller explained that nothing had changed since his approval last year. The public hearing was closed.

Kingsbury called the Select Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve the April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Department Head reports: Library Director Maryanne Eastman provided library stats, information on upcoming events and made an appeal for the donation of a Maine Mineral Gem Museum pass. Police Chief Aaron Mick reported that Justin Groetzinger will graduate from the Criminal Justice Academy next week. He requested that the agenda item to accept a donation from Fryeburg Kitchen & Marketplace be moved up to be included as part of his report; the Board agreed and Tom Sturdevant presented a donation of \$1,330.08 to the Police Department from the meet and greet event held the previous week. Sturdevant noted that he heard of some negativity about the fundraiser and wanted it to be known that he took it upon himself to raise money for the sake of the Police Department, as a member of the community. Clarke made a motion to accept a donation of \$1,330.08 from Fryeburg Kitchen & Marketplace for the police department, with thanks. The motion was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously. Chief Mick plans to use the funds to plan an open house and to get officers polo shirts to wear when they don't need full uniforms. Rec Director Rick Buzzell provided an overview of programs and upcoming work.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve Application for Adult Use Marijuana License for Cured LLC located at 295 Bridgton Road to manufacture adult use marijuana products, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. Tyrrell noted that the entire Planning Board did not sign the Notice of Decision. Fuller commented that this yearly process is burdensome; Klinepeter replied that business with liquor licenses need to do the same.

Haley provided an overview of steps that lead to the Municipal Complex Building Committee to request that the Select Board select Port City Architecture to be the consultant for the Professional Design Services for the New Municipal Complex. Dick Krasker also reviewed the interview process, noted that references were checked, and relayed his confidence that Port City was the best choice. Kingsbury said he liked Port City's proposal from the start. Clarke likes the local connection of Port City and appreciates their building design style. Klinepeter has attended numerous building committee meeting and believes that the committee has done its due diligence. Klinepeter made a motion to select Port City Architecture to serve as the design consultant for the municipal complex, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint David A. Balise to the Board of Appeals, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint David E. Murch to the Board of Appeals, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Greg Hatch as a Planning Board Alternate, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to appoint Edward W. Price as a Planning Board Alternate, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve a property tax abatement in the amount of \$1,298.33 for Carmen & Willie Bean (Map 009-045-001), which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. Clarke encouraged residents to look at their tax cards to ensure accuracy; Haley confirmed that the Town wants to have accurate assessments.

Tyrrell requested further discussion on town investments. He wants to choose funds to invest. Clarke wants guidance from the auditor. Tyrrell noted that the audit and state law suggests and allows for investment. He also said many towns are investing. There was discussion about what funds to invest. Haley said she needs a bit more input to make inquiries with bank and auditor. Tyrrell made suggestions about Treasury bills. Clarke requested that Haley use \$1,000,000 as a starting point for making inquiries. Clarke made a motion for the Town Manager to make recommendations on how much to invest and the type of investment for the June 22nd meeting. The motion was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously. Tyrrell said he wished that Select Board candidates would attend meetings so that they were informed when they are elected.

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

Other Business: Clarke commented on street sweeping. Klinepeter provided an overview of a inter-local meeting with DECD on LD 2003 rules. He noted that the authors of the rules could not actually answer some of the questions asked, that 8 varying bills to change LD 2003 are in legislature, and provided a review of specifics. There was discussion about this. Clarke commented about the need for affordable housing but also wants to protect the towns rural nature. Kingsbury noted that parking on Main St and Portland St is dictated by the state and that certain standards need to be met.

Public Forum: n/a

Clarke made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #94 95 96 and Accounts Payable Warrants #97, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

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

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