Minutes Select Board Meeting – Hastings Community Center Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:00 PM

Greg Huang-Dale
Thomas Klinepeter

Chiye Harper (arrived late)

Jim Tyrrell

Thomas Klinepeter Thomas Kingsbury

Tyrrell opened the Public Hearing for a Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza/Top of the 9th located at 11 Portland Street. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

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

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Kingsbury. Kingsbury noted a correction to be made and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Department Head reports: Recreation Director Buzzell provided a recap of the 4th of July events and an overview of the summer rec programs. He also noted that solar panels have been installed on the Community Center and that there will be a standby generator installed soon; these were possible due to receipt of grant funds. Fire Chief Dufresne reported of a sinkhole that had been getting worse in the fire station parking lot; Public Works discovered that it was due to a buried stump. He also urged Saco River users to use caution and to check conditions and river levels.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza/Top of the 9th located at 11 Portland Street, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

(Harper arrived.)

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a Liquor License for Fryeburg House of Pizza/Top of the 9th located at 11 Portland Street, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

The sole winter sand bid was opened from Rolfe Corporation. After discussion about the pricing options proposed (delivered vs. pickup) and the quality of the sand, Klinepeter made a motion to accept the bid, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

The two bids received for the Legion Field Chain-link Fence were opened and reviewed; the bids were from Double T Fencing and Good Neighbor Fencing. There was discussion about the bid specifications and whether each bid met the requested specifications. The project budget was reviewed. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the Good Neighbor Fencing bid in the amount of \$36,550, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter opened the conversation related to the review of 2022 Water Level Monitoring Report Wards Brook Aquifer noting the change from a Class A designation to a Class B in Wards Brook and stating that he wants to understand why. Huang-Dale commented on the frequency of completing the biological monitoring and believes that it should be done more frequently.

Huang-Dale questioned why these decisions are the Select Boards to make, rather than the Fryeburg Water District's. He believes that this should be under the purview of the FWD and their expertise. He

noted that people outside of the district do not have as much concern about the issue. He noted that the FWD is a quasi-municipal entity. Klinepeter provided a bit of historical context and noted that he does believe that many people outside of the district do care about the issue. Tyrrell questioned whether the FWD is charged with oversight and whether they intend to pay for the monitoring. Stephen Chase noted that quasi means "resembling, but not really". Chase also commented about his donation to the FWD to test the well at the Historical Society for PFAS and noted that he never saw any results from that. He does not believe that a quasi-municipal group should be in charge, but does believe that the town needs to look into the change in stream classification.

Andy Dufresne (speaking as a resident) noted that he does not live in the district but is very concerned about water quality and quantity as an agricultural land owner. Nels Liljedahl spoke to comments previously made by Klinepeter and by Chase. He clarified that the FWD is not interested in taking over the responsibility of testing/monitoring but that they want a seat at the table when it comes to review and discussion. He wants to receive the reports first hand. This led to discussion about the distribution of the water reports and the timing of receiving them. Haley noted that they are online and that the frequency and timing is dependent on the company and specific report. After continued discussion, Huang-Dale made a motion to have the Town send water reports directly to the FWD, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion accept the proposal for 2023 Wards Brook Aquifer monitoring for the amount of \$6,850 noting that there might be add-ons later. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the appointment of Dylan Harry to the Conservation Committee, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously. Liljedahl commented that Harry is a strong asset and serves as a great liaison between conservation and education.

Huang-Dale made a motion to accept a \$25,000 donation from the Pythagorean Lodge #11 for the Fryeburg Teen Center, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept a \$42 donation from Fryeburg Rotary to the Fryeburg Public Library, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Haley provided a review of Fryeburg Transfer Station Site Assessment Report and subsequent response of corrective action. The Site Assessment Report was the result of a standard DEP inspection and all noted issues have been corrected or are in process of being corrected. It was noted that there were no major issues.

Haley provided her Town Managers Report. Huang-Dale inquired if the number of liens that Haley reported were filed is typical; Haley believes it is about an average number. Klinepeter made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Kingsbury asked when Smith Street sidewalk construction will begin; Haley will find out. Klinepeter made comments about the rail trail usage. He also brought up the ownership of the Battleground monument and discussion followed. He also noted that the flag needs to be included on the list of flags that are lowered to half-mast when directed and that it should be lit.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked a clarifying question about a previously discussed topic.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #6, 8, 10 and Accounts Payable Warrants 115, 116, 7, 9, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

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