

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023
Workshop 5:00 @ Library & Former Registry of Deeds
Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM – Hastings Community Center

Greg Huang-Dale
Thomas Klinepeter

Chiye Harper
Thomas Kingsbury

Jim Tyrrell

The Board met in a Workshop to view Library & Former Registry of Deeds.

At 6:00 PM, Tyrrell called the Select Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

Department Head reports: Library Director Eastman provided a review of September library stats and upcoming events. Public Works Director France provided updates on mowing, maintenance activities and winter preparations. There was a discussion about the deteriorating sidewalk in the vicinity of the library.

Haley provided updated draft revisions to the Mobile Vending Ordinance, noting correspondence with Tom Sturdevant from Fryeburg Kitchen & Marketplace. The specific revisions were discussed, including the limitation of one mobile vendor being allowed on a property at a time and the duration of vendors staying on a property and the frequency of operating on a property. Sturdevant commented that the neighbors to vendors should be consulted and that no onsite dining should be permitted. He brought up numerous specifics about his property and the abutting Saco River Brewing, including concerns about parking, septic and the use of an easement that vendors use to access the brewery. It was debated whether the presence of tables at the location where a vendor operates should be considered onsite dining, when the tables were not provided by the vendor. Sturdevant continued to point out specific concerns about mobile vendors at Saco River Brewing and contended that the Town was responsible for creating the issues that lead to parking problems. Debate and discussion continued. Potential means of resolution was discussed. The Board suggested that Sturdevant seek a legal opinion on the specifics of the easement. Kingsbury made a motion to table action on the topic, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Haley requested that the Board review options for Public Works loader repair/replacement. The current loader, a 2003 with over 9000 hours, needs approximately \$50,000 in transmission work. She suggested that it does not make sense to repair it and that the purchase of a loader should be considered. She outlined potential pricing options with a lease and for purchase. France provided some details about the loader needed and plans to ensure that the size match the existing loader, since there are \$10,000 in new tires on that loader. Haley noted the urgency to make a decision. Tyrrell made a motion to waive the bid process requirement as there is insufficient time to resort to the normal bid process, per Section 4.C.8.c of the Purchasing Policy. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about using credit reserve funds and a debate on whether to purchase outright or make payments. There was consensus to purchase the loader outright. Haley and France will gather more information about the 3 proposals received and will make a recommendation on which specific loader to purchase. The timing and necessity to have a special town meeting was discussed. Klinepeter

made a motion to hold a Special Town Meeting on November 9th to get approval to purchase a loader. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Huang-Dale made a motion to accept \$50,000 from the Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept the following donations: \$8 to the Police Department from Judith Rantanen and \$200 donation to the Town Office from Scott Allison. The motion was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Diana Hinckley in the amount of \$393.77 (Map 001, Lot 005-004), which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Diana Hinckley in the amount of \$971.85 (Map 001, Lot 005-004-B00), which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve a supplemental tax assessment in the amount of \$940.50 for Caroline Hinckley (Map 022, Lot 004-G00), which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to appoint George Walker as Constable, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to appoint John Weston as Election Warden for November 7, 2023 General Election, which was seconded by Huang-Dale and passed unanimously.

Huang-Dale made a motion to appoint Diane Gushee as Election Deputy Warden for November 7, 2023 General Election, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: Huang-Dale noted concerns about the 2 crosswalks that exist on Main Street near Fryeburg Academy. He suggested to have students complete a study of usage of the crosswalks and potential ways to improve the safety. This was discussed, noting that the crosswalks were recently redone and that the state should be contacted.

Public Forum: N/A

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #28, 30 & 31 and Accounts Payable Warrants #29, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 841, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Following the executive session, Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Date: 10-26-23

James C. Tyler

Thomas Gensler

Gregory Dale

