Minutes Select Board Meeting - Virtual Thursday, May 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Richard Murray III Thomas Klinepeter Kimberly Clarke Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter opened the Public Hearing on Application for Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza/Top of the Ninth. Allison Leach inquired about the Special Amusement permit and it was confirmed that this was needed if entertainment was offered at a place that has a liquor license. Lt. McAllister confirmed that the police have had no issues with Top of the Ninth.

Klinepeter called the Select Board Meeting to order and declare a quorum. He completed a roll call of Select Board members and town employees present at the meeting.

Dan Tinkham provided an overview of the 2019 Emery & Garrett Report. Clarke asked about the details of the recommended surface water monitoring and what it would involve. Tinkham stated that he can provide a proposal. There was discussion about this and the potential need to budget for such a proposal and whether the Town should be paying for this. Clarke made a motion to obtain a proposal for surface water monitoring, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the withdrawal amounts. Tinkham stated that the yearly withdrawal in 2019 was 54% of the allotted amount for sustainable extraction. He said the extraction amounts in June and July will need to be looked at to ensure that too much is not taken this year. It was confirmed that the current ground water levels are sufficient. CEO Wiesemann stated that he met with Poland Spring and Maine Water and viewed their water metering systems.

Department Head Reports: Lt. reported that Memorial Day was uneventful. Kingsbury reported of speeding in the village area and Murray noted that he got a complaint about shooting near Colemans construction staging area. Lt. will follow up on both and has been working on more patrols in various neighborhoods to reduce speeding. Dutton thanked him for stepping up and serving as the acting Chief.

Librarian Spofford is focusing on reopening the library. Chief Dufresne warned of high fire danger and also thanked Jockey Cap and House of Pizza for providing food to the Fire Department during recent extended fire calls. Wiesemann noted the upcoming planning board and appeals board public hearings. Rec Director Rick Buzzell talked about his summer camp plans and resulting limitations and protocols. Camp will take place with various procedures in place.

Clarke made a motion to approve the Application for Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Fryeburg House of Pizza/Top of the Ninth, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020, which was seconded by Dutton and passed 4-0-1 (Murray was not present at the 5/14 meeting so he did not vote).

Kingsbury made a motion to accept a donation of summer reading program related items from the Friends of the Fryeburg Public Library to the Fryeburg Public Library, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

There was follow-up on the proposed 4th of July Fireworks event at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. This event is proposed to be a drive-in event using RV parking. Buzzell stated that the State is issuing fireworks licenses and there seems to be no liability issues with holding an event. There was lengthy discussion and debate about whether to hold a fireworks event. It was considered whether people would follow instructions and social distance and the staffing needs of police and fire departments to hold the event. Kingsbury does not believe that

people will follow instructions. Haley noted that she had heard from 2 people who were not supportive. Clarke voiced that a drive-in event can be done safely. Clarke made a motion to approve the plan to hold 4th of July fireworks, which was seconded by Murray. The vote failed 2-3 (Clarke and Murray voted in support; Dutton, Kingsbury, and Klinepeter voted against).

Dutton made a motion to award the bid for the Farnsworth Road culvert replacement to Khiel Construction, which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

There was discussion on Executive Order #53 as it related to past due taxes and liens. It was decided that there is no need to delay the 30-day notice sending and the lien date so no action is needed.

There was lengthy discussion and debate on upcoming June Meetings and public hearing processes. There was consideration given to holding meetings outside rather than remotely. Clarke specifically noted that not all people have access to internet and therefore may not be able to view remote public hearings. Dutton made a motion to continue to hold meetings remotely via zoom. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed 4-1 with Clarke voting against the motion.

Haley provided the Town Manager's Report & Finance Report. Kingsbury made a motion to accept it, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other business as appropriate: Dutton thanked the town employees. Clarke thanked the residents for their actions during the pandemic and noted the need to support local businesses. Kingsbury inquired about the recycling process during the winter and Haley provided some plans to be used to ensure that loads of recycling do not get frozen in the containers. Klinepeter commented on the graduation parade for the Fryeburg Academy seniors and also commented about supporting local businesses.

Public Forum: Leach commented about the lack of airport board meeting minutes on the town website and suggested putting zoom meeting recordings online. She wants to ensure that the public has access to such information. This was discussed and it was noted that recordings of meetings can be obtained at the library and town office but posting those will be looked into. She also commented and asked the board to reconsider the fireworks show. Kingsbury inquired about the Conservation Committee trail project and Leach gave an update.

Marion Brine inquired about the status of paid administrative leave for the police chief and how long that would go on. Klinepeter said an exact timeline cannot be given and that there are specifics procedural steps that are being followed.

Daymond Steer asked numerous questions about the topics discussed for clarification sake.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #92 & 94 and Accounts Payable Warrants #93 & 95 which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

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

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