

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, December 28, 2023
6:00 PM**

Chiye Harper
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Tyrrell opened the Public Hearing on Application for Mass Gathering submitted by the BMW Riders Association for an event to be held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds from August 28, 2024 to September 1, 2024. Cindy Holmes spoke about her opposition to having large motorcycle groups in Fryeburg based on the noise of motorcycles on the streets and the poor history of managing a motorcycle group that was present at Fiddlehead Campground. Since this is a national event, she has concerns about the number of people in attendance. She inquired about security. Jim Holmes has concerns about the cost of security for the town. Tyrrell closed the public hearing.

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 December 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter. A typo was noted. The motion to approve the minutes passed 3-0-1 (Harper abstained).

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed 3-0-1 (Harper abstained).

Kingsbury made a motion to approve an Application for Mass Gathering submitted by the BMW Riders Association for an event to be held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds from August 28, 2024 to September 1, 2024, which was seconded by Harper. Tyrrell opened discussion with reviewing a few aspects of the application. He noted that the application stated that 500-600 people would attend and that they have security in place and are willing to pay for police details. The style of motorcycles was discussed. Holmes questioned whether approving this sets a precedence. Klinepeter replied that each board votes based on what they think is right and that an approval would not set a precedence. The topic was momentarily tabled. The conversation resumed with a discussion about appealing the decision. Klinepeter asked if the Fire Chief and Police Chief had reviewed the application. Haley said they both had and neither reported having any concerns with the event. Harper wanted to clarify that the noise of the motorcycles on the street was the main concern and asked the Holmes to report back after the event. The motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a tax abatement in the amount of \$219.45 in the name of Dearborn Foundation for Map 007, Lot 010, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve the use of \$1,953.20 in contingency funds for additional interior and exterior security cameras at the Fryeburg Public Library. This was seconded by Kingsbury. It was noted that this is the same system used in other town buildings. The need was briefly discussed. Tyrrell requested that, before proceeding, the security company agree to not utilize pictures from cameras, of the cameras, or of the system. This should apply to all of the town properties. This was discussed and Haley will work with the company to come up with an agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to approve donations to the Night of Lights event from Winter Fun Inc, Frost Mountain Yurts, Infinger Insurance, Nate York Construction, Western Maine Timberlands, Kezar Realty, Great Atlantic Puffin Company, White Gables Inn, North Fryeburg Community Chapel, Fairgrounds Coffee, Fryeburg Historical Society, and Hunting, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Haley provided an update on 172 North Fryeburg Road. The Town has gotten a Special Administrator appointed to deal with the probate process. She outlined 2 potential paths forward that would result in the property being vacated by the tenants and the town ultimately taking possession of the property. The alternative is to have the Special Administrator attempt to sell the property "as is". If the town takes possession, Haley suggests having a plan in place to either sell the property as is or to clean up the property and then sell it. There was discussion about whether cleanup costs would be recouped if that is the option chosen. Klinepeter made a motion to take possession of the property, clean it up, and sell it. This was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

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

Other Business: Harper commented about the upcoming Night of Lights event. Klinepeter commented that we should renew our efforts to advertise for police officers and offer bonuses and pay increases. Kingsbury thanked employees for their efforts during the recent storm and inquired about the status of enforcement with 212 Bridgton Rd. Tyrrell noted that he received a question/comment from a resident and wanted to get the word out about the question and response since multiple people might have the same question. He read an email received from Cindy Lawrence and the town managers response. Lawrence asked why the parade and tree lighting event was canceled and suggested that the town is opposed to parades and community events. Tyrrell stated the parade was canceled due to weather. Klinepeter said that rescheduling for New Years Eve would not be possible based on limited resources.

Public Forum: Daymond Steer asked questions.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #55 & 57 and Accounts Payable Warrants #56, which was seconded by Klinepeter and passed unanimously.

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

Date: 1-11-2024

James C. Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury
Tom Blum
Michael