

MINUTES

Select Board Meeting – Town Office, 16 Lovewell Pond Road Thursday, September 26, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Richard Murray III
Jim Dutton

Thomas Kingsbury
Thomas Klinepeter

1. Klinepeter opened the public hearing on MMA Model Ordinance General Assistance Appendices (A-D) for 10/1/19-9/30/2020. Klinepeter briefly reviewed that the ordinances outline the benefits and qualifications for general assistance for the year. No one present commented.
2. Klinepeter called the Select Board Meeting to order at 6:01 PM and declared a quorum.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. Kingsbury made a motion to approve the MMA Model Ordinance General Assistance Appendices (A-D) for 10/1/19-9/30/2020, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.
5. Dutton made a motion to approve the August 19th meeting minutes, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.
6. Dutton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 12th, which was seconded by Kingsbury. Klinepeter noted a correction which was made. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Kingsbury made a motion to appoint Katie Haley as the Road Commissioner which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.
8. Librarian Jennifer Spofford presented a proposal to utilize the Former Registry of Deeds Building/Brick Building for library purposes with computer stations and meeting space. She proposed to remove the non-historical addition and asked for approval to issue an RFP to get prices to renovate the building. Once renovation prices are obtained then the Town can seek grants. There was discussion about removing the building entirely, funding the project including future operating costs, and the proposed schedule moving ahead. It was confirmed that the next step would be to investigate the price to renovate the building and base the feasibility of the project on that.

Kingsbury made a motion to allow Spofford continue with the proposed project, which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

There was follow-up discussion about the vault size in the brick building and records retention.

9. As requested at the previous meeting, the Town Manager drafted a letter to the Oxford County Commissioners on behalf of the Selectmen expressing interest in being involved in the decision-making process of what to do the Registry building.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the issuance of the letter which was seconded by Dutton.

Klinepeter stated that he is not in favor of the town taking the building over. Dutton said that he doesn't necessarily support that either but wants the town to have some say in what might become of the building. He also noted that the town may be able to use the vault. Klinepeter believes that an exact goal should be determined before sending a letter to the commissioners.

A vote was taken on the motion: Dutton and Murray voted in favor of the motion; Klinepeter and Kingsbury opposed the motion. The motion failed.

10. Department Head reports: n/a

11. Haley presented the Town Managers Report which included updates on the dog licenses, absentee ballots, a recreation related grant, upcoming training, the state valuation, the website redesign, cable franchise renewal process, 197 Portland St. property update, and rail trail maintenance. The report included the finance update.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept the Town Managers Report, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

12. Other business as appropriate.

- a. Murray questioned whether there was cruiser or crosswalk sign damage as a police cruiser reportedly hit a sign. Haley was unaware of any damage.
- b. Kingsbury had a question about the revaluation and what happens is homeowners are out of town when the appraisers come to inspect. Haley responded that the appraiser will do what they can from an exterior inspection.
- c. Klinepeter asked Haley about a medical marijuana approval in the former Curves location. Haley stated that the space is being used for CBD processing and not marijuana therefore no approvals were needed. Klinepeter also asked if Irving was expanding in order to add liquor sales. Haley has not issued any permits for that. Klinepeter made an announcement asking for school board members. Lastly he expressed his displeasure with the lack of paving on Route 302 prior to the fair.

13. Public Forum: Dick Krasker asked if monthly water monitoring reports were still being submitted; Haley ensured that they were. He also commented that the Registry Building has no parking and is not suitable for Town purposes. Kingsbury followed up with a comment that a new municipal building will need to be discussed in the next couple of years.
14. Kingsbury made a motion to approve Payroll Warrants #23 & 25 and Accounts Payable Warrants # 24 & 26. This was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

15. Kingsbury made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel issues. This was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously.

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

Date:

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