

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting - Town Office**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

Richard Murray III  
Thomas Klinepeter

Kimberly Clarke  
Thomas Kingsbury

James Dutton

Klinepeter opened the Public Hearing for a Mass Gathering Permit for the Home, Flower & Garden Show. The public hearing was closed.

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

Mark Guerringue was present on behalf of the Home, Flower & Garden Show. He briefly described the plans. It was noted that the dates on the application were incorrect. The dates of the show are May 15, 16 17. There was discussion about the show in light of the coronavirus. Fire Chief Dufresne provided Guerringue with CDC recommendations. Kingsbury made a motion to approve to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Home, Flower & Garden Show which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously, subject to correcting the dates.

Community Concepts Finance Corp Loan Program Presentation by Natalie Beale: Beale provided an overview about a small business loan program that helps small businesses during ongoing construction projects. The Town would pay a certain percentage of the interest of each loan and therefore keep the interest rate for the business low. This was successful in Rumford although Beale confirmed that it has not been done in any other towns at this point. There was discussion. Klinepeter suggested using reserve funds for this. More time is needed to consider this and it was tabled until next meeting

Department Head reports: Rick Buzzell reported about his activities and ongoing programs. Due to Covid- 19 they made the decision to postpone the Pickle Ball Tournament to be held at the end of March and the Basketball Tournament scheduled for April. Buzzell outlined a plan to make a changes to the summer program for the graduating 6th, 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. He would like to have their camp to be held at the Community Center Teen Room.

Chief Dufresne provided a summary of fire calls. Dufresne has also been involved in weekly conference calls on Covid-19. The Town Manager drew up a memo on March 9<sup>th</sup> stating that all information of Covid – 19 would come from The Town Office and the CDC.

Ira Ela reported that winter was almost over and was happy to report that there were no accidents this winter season and the highway crew was doing a good job. Ela also reported that they have been busy sweeping roads and walkways to get ahead of the game.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of February 27, 2020 which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously

Kingsbury made a motion to accept a donation of a 14-passenger bus from Fryeburg Academy to Fryeburg Rec. Inc to Town of Fryeburg which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve and sign 3-year Police Lease, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Kingsbury made a motion to accept a \$656 grant from the Maine Community Foundation for the Library for the purchase of security lights which was seconded by Clarke and passed unanimously.

Klinepeter read the draft ESAA lease related warrant articles; 1 is to extend the lease to Eastern Slope Airport Authority to 99 years, with conditions related to subleases; the other is to allow a sublease for a solar project. There was a discussion about the timing of a public hearing and whether to have it before or after finalizing the warrant. Clarke made a motion to put both articles on the town meeting warrant, which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley had provided the draft River Management Agreement between SRRC and Town of Fryeburg. This was largely completed by Bob Tagliaferri with some input from Haley and it follows the existing Canal Bridge agreement. There were numerous concerns and questions noted including the following:

The agreement states that the town patrol up to State line; we don't do that now, so that would increase patrol? Would we need more police coverage? Is the total agreement amount of \$18,300, or is it two payments of \$18,300? How much revenue will this bring in? Do we want to be commercializing Westons Beach without benefit? Will the Town need to purchase signs? Will they monitor parking mid-week?

Sherri Billings was present and questioned the purpose of the agreement and spoke against it. It was decided to table this issue since there were a lot of questions. Haley will contact Tagliaferri to get clarification.

Haley provided the "Senior Property Tax Assistance" survey results and there was a discussion about the process moving ahead and the timing for town meeting. Haley will work on drafting an ordinance.

Kingsbury made a motion to approve a property tax abatement for property owned by Hastings & Hastings for Map 025-033 which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to appoint Nora Schwarz to the Saco River Corridor Commission as an alternate which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously. Dalyn Houser provided an overview of the SRCC program. Klinepeter mentioned that this position has been vacant for years and was happy to see someone step up.

Kingsbury made a motion to sign a letter to permit the Town Manager to be a signer/contact person on the Town's Norway Savings Banks account(s) which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve using \$3,650 of contingency funds to purchase/install a Trio interface to allow the payment of property taxes online which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

Clarke made a motion to approve the proposed Saco Valley Garden Club garden project at the Hazel & Owen Currier Doll Museum which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Haley gave the Town Manager's Report & Finance Report: Notable items mentioned include that the RERC 2-day workshop has been postponed, likely until fall. MDOT has revised their Rt. 302 plans to

increase parking along Main St. Kingsbury made a motion to accept the Town Managers Report which was seconded by Dutton and passed unanimously.

Other business as appropriate: Dutton complimented the new website; it looks nice and is easy to navigate. Clarke asked the community to support local businesses during these times. Kingsbury asked that people keep an eye out for children out on bicycles now that spring is here. Klinepeter asked that people follow the direction of the CDC, and to take care of and check in with your elderly neighbors and friends.

Public Forum: The question was asked by Rob Burbank if we knew what the dollar amount was for the EPA grant. Haley said it was not a specific dollar amount. The grant is for the planning workshops.

Clarke made a motion to Approve Payroll Warrants #70 & 72 and Accounts Payable Warrants 71 & 73 which was seconded by Murray and passed unanimously

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

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