

SELECT BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

5:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to MRSA 405 6(A) to interview a prospective Interim Town Manager

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to go into Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to come out of Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

6:00 PM – SELECT BOARD MEETING

Present: Chairman Sean Roche, Selectmen John MacLeod, Tim Roche, Bob Foley, Town Manager Larissa Crockett, Meeting Recorder Cinndi Davidson.

Present via ZOOM: Selectman Kathy Chase

INTERVIEWS FOR VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Budget Review Committee:

Richard DeBold

James Gaylord

Robert Mulcahy

Recreation Committee:

Stuart Wolf

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS WORKSHOP / BUSINESS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on Blanket Letter of Approval for the BPO Elk Lodge located at 356 Bald Hill Rd, Wells, ME, 04090 (R)

There were no public comments.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

B. Nolette's Pizza Inc., dba: Home Town Pizza, 1517 Post Rd. Unit 9, for a fulltime Malt Liquor License (R)

There were no public comments.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

C. Yum Mee II, Inc., dba: East Restaurant, located at 636 Post Rd, Wells, ME, 04090, for a fulltime Malt Liquor, Wine, and Spirits License (R)

There were no public comments.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

D. Town Manager's report

~Road races this weekend: There will be a 5K and a half marathon beginning at the beach. Traffic patterns will be altered during the races.

~Tax bills have been mailed. Payment is due by May 30 to avoid paying interest.

~Beach passes are available at Town Hall or on line.

~The new traffic light at Route 109 and Crediford Road is going live on Thursday.

~Coach Tim Roche will be the MC of the Memorial Day parade.

~Our e-newsletter is up to 822 subscribers.

E. Open to the Public-none

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to approve and sign the Accounts Payable Warrant dated May 3, 2022 in the amount of \$594,877.78 and the General Assistance Warrant dated May 3, 2022 in the amount of \$83.66. Passed unanimously.

2. Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and Personnel

a) Budget Presentation

Ms. Crockett reviewed the CIP Budget for the coming year including the paving plan, equipment replacement plans, sprinkler system at the fire substation, starting the revaluation, paving the public safety parking lot, new playground equipment, floats at the harbor and the conservation land bank. Funds will come from taxation, reserve accounts and user fees.

b) Presentation by the WMAC on findings and recommendations

Steve Koeninger, Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations. The Committee favors keeping the transfer station open, no personnel change, and not having the town offer curbside pick-up. The recommendations include an annual review of fees, a single orange bag size, charging residents to dispose of brush, selling stickers to residents annually, and increasing the fees for tires, demo, white goods and appliances. Establishing a food compost waste program would reduce the amount of waste in the orange bags. The composting company would place several 65 gallon totes at the transfer station for people to divert their food waste, and the company would pick up the totes weekly. The unit cost per tote would decrease as the volume increases.

The Selectmen will begin to workshop the recommendations on June 7. The first topics to discuss are the orange bags, stickers and household waste.

Fire Chief Mark Dupuis discussed several recent incidents at the transfer station involving chemical reactions. Any chemicals and their containers should be disposed of at the Hazardous Waste Day in October. They should not be thrown out with household trash. This applies to residents and commercial customers.

c) Award of the beach barrel collection bid

We received one bid from Chris Farley who has been doing this for a number of years.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to award the bid to Chris Farley in the amount of \$68,500 for 5/21/22-10/15/22, \$73,500 for 5/29/23-10/14/23 and \$79,500 for 5/18/24-10/19/24. Passed unanimously.

d) Discussion and action to approve Quitclaim Deeds for the following properties that had a foreclosure date of March 16, 2022. The 60 day buy back period for the property ends May 16, 2022.

McMahon, Dennis. Property is known as parcel number 0135/023-001.T. Payment was received to pay FY 20, FY 21 and FY 22 on April 21, 2022. Quitclaim deed releases lien filed in book/page 18378/416.

Scannel, Jody and Scannel, Debra. Property is known as parcel 0019/008-007.T. Payment was received to pay FY 20, FY 21 and FY 22 on March 25, 2022. Quitclaim deed releases lien filed in book/page 18378/460.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, that the Board approve and sign the Quitclaim Deeds to release the liens on the properties listed above. Passed unanimously.

e) Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the April 5, 2022, Select Board meeting

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2022, Select Board meeting. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open to the Public –no comments.
2. Good News

~A shout out to our Public Safety teams for a great game at the Little League field last weekend.

~A new Story Walk has been installed at the harbor.

~There was a fire recently at the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway in an older section of the building that wasn't sprinklered. When you check into a facility, be sure to look for smoke detectors, sprinklers and the egress nearest to your room. Older buildings may be grandfathered and not sprinklered.

~Mr. T. Roche asked about burn permits. Chief Dupuis recommended wardensreport.com or the state web site.

~The Board will hold an Executive Session at the next meeting to vote on candidates for boards and committees.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. MacLeod, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

Cinndi Davidson,
Meeting Recorder