

MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS
6:30 p.m.**

Select Board present: Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston-Nash, Wayne Kirkpatrick, and Linda Mountainland

Others present: Jay Feyler (Town Manager), Jesse Thompson, Steve Migliorini, John Mountainland, John Gibbons, and others

- 1. Call Select Board Meeting to Order:** at 6:30 p.m. by Adam Fuller.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, July 18, 2023:**

Motion by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Linda Mountainland wanted to add her comment that if the (TCC) working group does not come up with a sale of the yellow building, it would revert back to the referendum.

Amended motion with above by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
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- 4. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated Tuesday, August 1, 2023:**

Motion by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Amended motion to approve Warrant 91 for 2022-2023 by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
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Motion to approve Warrant 8 by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Linda Mountainland
4-0

- 5. Discussion and vote to allow Chicken BBQ on Common:** Tabled.

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6. Confirmation of Town Managers appointment:

Motion to approve Jesse Thompson as Fire/EMS Chief by: Martha Johnston-Nash
2nd by: Linda Mountainland
3-0-1 abstention (Kirkpatrick)

7. Approval of support letter for MCOG housing grant:

Jay said MCOG is writing this \$75,000 grant through the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to provide housing planning assistance in the area. Matt (Eddy) is looking for letters of support.

Motion to accept this letter that he's drafted out by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
2nd by: Linda Mountainland

In answer to Adam, Jay said there is a separate grant that he just put in for to deal with LD 2003. He noted one of the biggest things with hiring is people can't find housing. This will help in the process of long term large grant writing, which will help in the long run over at the TCC.

Motion passed,
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In answer to Linda, Jay said the TCC will still be considered for elderly housing. This is not part of the TCC Working Group, just MCOG (Midcoast Council of Governments).

8. Discussion on Special Town Meeting format:

Adam said this is re: having a special town meeting for the TCC vote. Jay said he had 10 or 12 people at the fair who want to have a referendum vote and not have to come to a special town meeting. Discussion of pros and cons ensued. Jay reminded that a public hearing is required before a referendum ballot.

Motion that we do the referendum voting in November by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
2nd by: Linda Mountainland

Amended motion that we do the referendum voting in November and do the informational meeting as soon as we can by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
2nd by: Linda Mountainland

Jay said the informational meeting will be on Town Hall Streams, and Matt (Eddy) will do a youtube presentation explaining everything about the zoning changes, TIF, etc. The informational meeting can happen as soon as the legal part is put to bed with the planning board. There can be two informational meetings, one taking comments and questions and the official one at least 10 days before the vote.

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2nd by: Linda Mountainland
3-1 (Johnston-Nash)

9. Town Manager's Report:

Jay reminded tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. the planning board wants to meet with the select board, mostly about the mining but also about LD 2003, mostly looking for guidance if they can spend funds to hire professionals or hire MCOG to write the ordinances, etc. It will be a workshop not a meeting, and no votes will be taken.

He said we have another bench to go on the Common, because someone donated one to go by the Veterans Memorial and it did not get installed there. It will be first come first serve.

He also said the floors upstairs were done. At some point in September this floor will be done, rewaxed.

Food for thought for next year: Jay noted the unsightly nonmowing of state roadsides and suggested the board consider having some of the roads mowed, maybe just the in-town areas. In the past they alternated years between Dana and Jamie. He noted Public Works occasionally mows the islands.

He said a fairly large sum of cash was found on the ground at the fair. Nobody claimed it. Dan Dunkle donated it back to the fair, so it will help purchase more directional exit signs, do not enter signs, etc. There are still good people in the world. There were 7,000 people at the fair.

10. Other Business: None.

11. Committee Reports:

a. Broadband

John Gibbons said MCA and Tidewater are still trying to finalize the contract between them so the grant can start. There are a couple of issues they need to track carefully but beyond that there is nothing to be concerned about; they are just working out the details. Once they finish they start working on a kick off date. LCI had a booth at the fair. Martha mentioned Washington's Broadband Fest.

b. Green Space – None.

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c. Sestercentennial

Martha said there hasn't been a meeting since the last select board meeting, but wooden nickels are being given out. Ads have been sold. They are getting the word out.

d. Ambulance Advisory

Jay said they will start up meetings at the end of September or October.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Select Board Reports:

Martha brought up buoys at Ayer Park cordoning off swimming. Jay said the lake fluctuates greatly, and there are many Bureau of Labor standards that you have to do. Adam added most summers it is ankle deep. Martha asked about caution-type signage. Jay said putting up signs is admitting there's a danger; any body of water is a danger.

14. Adjourn:

Motion by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

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Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary