



Select Board Minutes  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:** Gloria Dyer, Eileen, Dan Phelan

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Selectmen met in EXECUTIVE SESSION at the Town Office pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E) to consult with the Town Attorney regarding the Board's legal rights and duties regarding the petitioned Marijuana Manufacturing Ordinance to be voted upon by secret ballot on March 12, 2021, and a possible Moratorium Ordinance regarding Marijuana Manufacturing on Thursday, February 25, 2021, starting at 4:00 pm until 4:35 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- To consider enactment of a moratorium (drafted by the town attorney) on marijuana manufacturing in the event that the petitioned "Marijuana Manufacturing Ordinance" is approved on March 12, 2021. Board reviewed draft of moratorium provided by attorney. Overview of what happens if the manufacturing ordinance passes on Friday- then the selectmen will meet to order a vote on a moratorium. The moratorium the voters still must approve. At the workshop on Tuesday the Board will meet to order a retroactive moratorium be sent to the voters by secret ballot. The moratorium does not invalidate vote (approval) if it passes. BoS will meet from 6:00-6:15 on Tuesday if the ordinance passes. The website will be updated after the cote is finalized. Kenny asked about enacting the moratorium now. Shelly explained after speaking with Leah today that she suggested being reactive, this moratorium draft is specific to this ordinance- if it failed it would have to be amended to deal with what the next proposal might suggest allowing. Gloria asked if it is better that the Board just vote on it now. Shelly explained that the ordinance indicates that permits will be given by the town/planning board. Leah suggesting indicating that we are not currently accepting applications at this time. Gloria wants to make sure the timing is right. Shelly explained that Leah said to wait until after the vote. Kenny expressed that if the ordinance does not pass, he would like to see a moratorium on all 5 "parts" of the medical/retail opt ins. The Board wants the public to know that the moratorium is to protect the citizens from opening the doors wide pen.
- Mike Moulton would like to discuss with the Board regarding the old section of Range E Rd in Newfield. He will be coming to the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Board thanked office staff for work on the Town report.
- Board reviewed audit for YE Jan 31, 2020. Audit was good but they expressed wanting to see a recommendation. Board will keep this in mind when contracting a new auditing firm.
- Efficiency Maine sent letter indicating some grant opportunities for heat pump and led lighting upgrades involving grant money. Shelly would like to speak with Dame Electric about our current lighting and seeing about upgrading any others. Jim would like to see a heat pump at the town office. Shelly said a heat pump and ac. Ken thinks it is worth looking into.

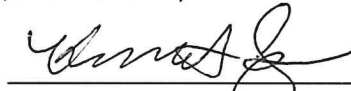
**OLD BUSINESS**


- Annual Town Election and Meeting
  - Annual Town Election and Referendum Friday, 3/12/2021 at Town Hall 10am - 8pm
  - Annual Town meeting Saturday, 3/13/2021 at Line School 10am
  - Friday 3/11/2021 at 3:15 set up for meeting and do sound and tech check. Chris will be there as well.
  - Shelly will bring the big designs for the salt and sand building (preliminary design)

- Alarm System dual cell path for communication quote. Shelly made a motion to accept the contract from Seacoast for \$440 with monthly fee of \$49. Ken seconded. Discussion: Jim mentioned getting a whole new company. When the alarm went off and he had to respond they seemed to have no clue where to even find us in their system. Vote 3 in favor. Nichole to schedule and then alarm should be back up and working and able to communicate.
- Shelly made a motion to accept the revisions to the Winter roads plowing contract and send to lawyer for last look over. Ken seconded. Discussion: Nichole went over a few grammatical errors. Vote 3 in favor.
- Ed Moulton emailed a complaint about a tree hanging over Shady Nook Road and it is unsafe. Nichole contacted Casey who will be adding it to the list.
- Ken attended a zoom presentation from MEDOT. It was informative and should be emailed to Nichole to be able to pass along to the others.
- Gloria is concerned with the moratorium and suggested doing an announcement at town meeting so townspeople can hear true information directly from the Board. Shelly advised that she was told not to do an announcement at the town meeting by the attorney. The attorney suggested informing people by our normal means like the paper and posting. Gloria thinks the word needs to get out sooner rather than later. Eileen followed up with her question from the previous meeting about whether Norm investigated how many caregivers we have in town.
- Eileen asked a question regarding the Treasurer's report in the annual town report. It stated that Credit Card balance as of 2/1/2020 was \$22K+ and as of 1/31/2021 was \$225K+. It was explained that this is what we have collected in payments on credit cards not what is owed on town credit cards. That answered her question.

Meeting adjourns 7:41 pm (Ken made motion; Jim seconded)

  
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Shelly Gobeille

  
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