

Select Board Meeting
December 20, 2021
Minutes

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AS down class
M. Kelly, S. Collins

Members Present: S. Collins, P. Leaming, M. Kelly

Members Absent: M. Doyle, P. McCarthy

Public Present: T. Cofske, B. Sterndovan, M. Berthiaume, Police Chief Kuss, Mr. & Mrs. Harry, J. Collins, A. Collins, S. Phifer, Boy Scout's Troop 7 – M. Fedora, E. Provost, D. Holmes, G. Stevens, W. Flannery, Z. Brigham, C. Savicki, S. Fedora, R. Fedora, J. Brigham, C. French, C. Stevens, J. Foley, K. Foley, T. Gilman-Sheffield, A. Harrowfield, A. Soderberg, G. Adams

Chair, S. Collins opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Evan Provost, Boy Scout's Troop 7 member led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

MOTION: M. Kelly, to accept the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

SECOND: P. Leaming

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

New Business:

Ice-Skating Rink Proposal – Boy Scouts

M. Fedora presented to the Board a request seeking approval for an ice-skating rink to be located on the Town Common. The troop is proposing a 40ft x 80ft rink that would be placed on the back side of the common (North Main Street side) across from Cumberland Farms. The rink is based similar to the rink located in Sturbridge, MA. The troop is offering to set-up, take-down and maintain the rink as necessary. One or more Town departments or committees would oversee the rink; however, Troop 7 would do most of the work necessary. They recommend the Town follow the rules and regulations that Sturbridge has implemented for their town rink.

S. Collins asked who would be overseeing the ice-skating rink. M. Fedora stated that it is one of the questions they are here to find out. S. Collins asked where the funds are coming from to pay for the rink. M. Fedora explained that the Historical Committee is helping with funding.

M. Kelly asked where this rink will be stored when it is taken down. The Troop is still working on that aspect and is considering purchasing pelican boxes. They are still working out whether they would be storing the rink at the Church or Highway Barn.

P. Leaming commended and thanked them for a great job with presenting. He further expressed his support of the project.

S. Collins expressed support as well and stated that she has provided Scout Leader, Mr. Adams a packet with questions that will need to be answered. She asked if it would be okay for the Troop to work on those questions and then return with the answers to those before the Board gives an answer. She expressed her support for the proposed project and thanked them for their presentation.

Mr. Adams asked if the questions S. Collins referred to are the questions from the insurance company. S. Collins stated that those are the questions.

M. Arsenault asked how the water would be filled. M. Fedora explained that the Highway Department will work with the Fire Department to fill it one time. The Troop is looking into sponsors to fill it using pool water. Sturbridge uses the Fire Department to mist it with water.

One of the goals is to work on this with the Historical Commission as the Troop would like to place it near the gazebo. They have been speaking with B. Corey of the Historical Commission who believes they would have funds left over from the Gazebo project that could be used. G. Adams was informed by B. Corey that an ice-skating rink on the common was something that the Historical Commission has been wanting to do.

Common Victualler's License(s):

The Board tabled the following Common Victualler's Licenses due to an abstention resulting in the lack of a quorum:

- Francesco's Restaurant, Inc.,
- New England Motel and Antiques,
- Cousins Maine Lobster.

MOTION: P. Leaming, to approve the Common Victualler's License for Village Green Family Campground.

SECOND: M. Kelly

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

Class II MV License(s) & Class III MV License(s)

MOTION: M. Kelly, to grant the Class II Motor Vehicle License for OTR International, Inc.

SECOND: P. Leaming

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

Special One-Day Liquor License(s)

The Board tabled the following Special One-Day Liquor License due to an abstention resulting in the lack of a quorum:

- New England Motel and Antiques for the 2022 Flea Market Shows to be held May 10-15, July 12-17 and September 6-11.

Annual Flea Market Owner/Operator's License(s)

The Board tabled the following Annual Flea Market Owner/Operator's Licenses due to an abstention resulting in the lack of a quorum:

- New England Motel and Antiques,
- Brimfield Auction Acres.

Infrastructure/Space Advisory Committee

S. Phifer explained to the Board that he met with S. Collins and T. Cofske to talk about an advisory committee to figure out present office space, future office space and what to do with the buildings

(Annex and Town Hall). He expressed willingness to sit on that committee and has spoken with two (2) other people that he would like to have sit on that committee. One is J. Prescott who is familiar with different office settings and the other would be A. Gerrish.

It was requested that letters of interest be submitted to the Board.

TEC – Change Order for Lighting on Town Common Project in the Amount of \$8,500.00 (paid through State grant funds)

M. Kelly informed the Board that this is a change order for what they are doing to the lights for \$8,500.00 and is within the project's budget. There will be \$22,000.00 remaining in the budget after this change order.

MOTION: M. Kelly, to approve the change order.

SECOND: P. Leaming

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

Old Business:

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant

T. Cofske gave a brief explanation of the MVP Grant and requested the Board's approval to move forward. The deadline for the application is January 7, 2022. T. Cofske had suggested that she could work with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and perhaps S. Overbey if she was interested.

MOTION: M. Kelly, to move forward with the MVP Grant.

SECOND: P. Leaming

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

Statewide Opioid Settlement

S. Collins informed the Board that T. Cofske had reached out to the Attorney General's office and confirmed that it is not going to cost the Town anything such as legal fees.

MOTION: M. Kelly, to submit the appropriate paperwork to make the Town eligible for the Statewide Opioid Settlement.

SECOND: P. Leaming

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

Payroll and Warrants:

Payroll & AP Warrant 12

The Board members reviewed and signed the payroll and accounts payable of Warrant 12.

Announcement:

S. Collins informed the public that the Board of Health has asked that everyone keep updated via the Board of Health's website for updates on Covid-19.

Adjournment:

MOTION: P. Leaming, to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: S. Collins

VOTE: S. Collins, P. Leaming, and M. Kelly voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa A. Cofske

Approved:


Suzanne M. Collins, Chair