



SELECT BOARD RECORD OF MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2022
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

Note: This record of meeting may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Select Board Members.

Members Present: Ray Bates, Ronald F. Brann, Richard H. Gray Jr., and William Appel Jr. Andrew Ballantyne arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Public Attending: Moira Teekema and F. Gerard Nault.

Employees Attending: Keith Hall, (*Road Supervisor*), Arthur Strout (*Code Enforcement/LPI*), and Theresa L. Haskell (*Town Manager*).

Ray Bates opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes: **William Appel made a motion to approve the 12/9/22 minutes as read seconded by Ronald F. Brann and approved 4-0-0.**

Public Works – Keith Hall said the following.

- a.) They went through plenty of fuel during the storm. It was a very heavy snow. Tim's truck wouldn't start and needed to get three batteries for it. Also, had to get lights for Tim's truck.
- b.) They will be working on the Hunts Meadow Road tomorrow with tree trimming.
- c.) Ordered two (2) loads of salt today.

Transfer Station – Theresa said someone dumped ashes on the side of the bank by the light bulb building and it was smoldering when Tim saw it. They used two different fire extinguishers to put it out with water and dirt. Sean had reported to me that everything was going well.

Animal Control Officer – Nothing to report.

Cemetery Sexton – Nothing to report.

Public Comment:

- a.) Jerry Nault discussed the proposed Solar Facility Application with a sample Solar Array Technical Review Fee Chart. Much discussion. **William Appel Jr. made a motion to approve the Solar Facility Application as presented, seconded by Andrew Ballantyne, and approved 5-0-0.**
- b.) **Ray Bates made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters and to include the Town Manager, Theresa Haskell and Code Enforcement Officer, Arthur Strout, seconded by Ronald F. Brann at 6:54 p.m. and approved 5-0-0. The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.** The Town may need to contact our Attorney regarding properties in Town not abiding by Code Enforcement rules. Arthur said he will contact other Code Enforcement Officers to see what they would suggest what the next steps would be.

Consideration of Warrants #26, #27 and #28 – Richard H. Gray Jr. made a motion to approve Warrants #26, #27 and #28 seconded by Andrew Ballantyne and approved 5-0-0.

Town Manager's Items –

- a.) Assessor's Agent – Abatement. **Andrew Ballantyne made a motion to recess as Select Board and convene as Board of Assessors at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Ronald F. Brann and approved 5-0-0.** Theresa read the abatement presented by the Assessor's Agent for Richard Bartlett Sr., for Error in Land in the amount of \$131.52. **Andrew Ballantyne made a motion to approve the Abatement for Richard Bartlett Sr., in the amount of \$131.52 for Error in Land value as presented by the Assessor's Agent, seconded by Ronald F. Brann, and approved 5-0-0. Andrew Ballantyne made a motion to adjourn as Board of Assessor's and reconvene as Select Board at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Richard H. Gray Jr., and approved 5-0-0.**
- b.) Theresa brought forward the information she received from MMA Legal regarding the citizen's petition that has been received. A citizen's petition must state the "precise article" that must be put on the next warrant issued. The Municipal Officers are not required to draft an article or ordinance to put before the voters because a petition that asks them to do so. The Citizens Petition 2022 that was brought to the Select Board read the following.
- In accordance with §In2504. Circulation of petitions for local initiative Title 21-A, section 903-A. We the undersigned, as registered voters in the town of Windsor, Maine, are appealing to the municipal officers of Windsor, Maine, to reconsider and revise its ordinance regulations to allow for Maine Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores and Locations.
 - The town of Windsor, Maine is at high risk for the continuance of illegal black market sales activity, which could potentially lead to violence in the community.
 - By allowing medical marijuana caregiver retail stores and locations, it would help not only eliminate much of the black market sales but it will also greatly benefit the towns' financial status.
 - It is a great burden for medical marijuana cardholders (patients) of Windsor, Maine to have to travel to another town for their medicine. Patients should be able to access their medicine in their own town of residence.
- Ronald Brann made a motion to refuse to honor this petition as presented because it does not contain the "precise article" that would need to be put on the next warrant issued for the voters to vote on, seconded by Andrew Ballantyne and approved 5-0-0.** The Select Board has no interest to "opt in" currently.
- c.) Theresa received a letter from Governor, Janet Mills providing notice of **high to moderate detected populations** of Browntail Moth (BTM) within areas near Windsor. This letter gave information on how to educate residents and visitors about BTM and encourage and conduct management where practical.
- d.) Theresa asked the Select Board to close the Transfer Station on Christmas Eve at 1:00 p.m. and they approved.

Select Board Items: Ray Bates made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters at 8:38 p.m. and to include the Town Manager, Theresa Haskell, seconded by Ronald F. Brann and approved 5-0-0. The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 9:51 p.m.

Ray Bates adjourned the Select Board Meeting at 9:51 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Select Board on _____.

The next Regular Select Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Windsor Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. Haskell
Town Manager