

SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2022
Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

Present- George, Jack, Sean, Adam, Bill and Cheryl Robinson

Call to Order- 6:30pm

Adjustments to the Agenda (if needed) – None

Public Comment – Joe Porada spoke on his concerns regarding the proposed moratorium and how it may impact shellfish and seaweed aquaculture. He has been involved with aquaculture in the past so is very familiar with the rules and regulations. He would not support any moratorium that would affect shellfish and seaweed aquaculture and hopes the Board will have discussions before any decision is made. He feels the fisherman and local environment need to be protected.

Ms. Bowers from Frenchman Bay United & Concerned Friends of Eastern Bay spoke in opposition to any decision being made until further community discussions can be held. She advised the board the pending leases in front of DMR right now are of a larger scale and each bay is different and the restrictions should be set for each bay.

Fiona de Koning, who has been a mussel farmer for many years, spoke on how a 5 acre aquaculture farm is not sustainable and she would be happy to discuss the process with any business or person.

Mr. O'Meara indicated not all aquaculture is on the same scale and the discussions seem to be overlapping with one another. The two issues are a large scale fin fish aquaculture farm and the smaller scale shellfish and seaweed aquaculture which would fall under the proposed moratorium.

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes of 01/19/2022
Motion to approve as written by Jack Bridges, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0 Bill Birdsall absent last meeting.
2. Intervenor Status – moved from meeting of 01/19/2022 – see draft letter – Discussion was held regarding applying for intervenor status and the Board members felt they were not ready to make a decision and they needed more information before putting this on the warrant. *Motion to table this to a date to be determined by Adam Foster, second by Jack Bridges, passed 5/0.*
3. VRAP Program – see property card for Tannery – moved from meeting of 01/19/2022 – Discussion was held on the information from DEP. George Colwell will reach out to Mr. Hodgkins of the DEP for clarification and possible attendance at the next meeting. *Motion to table this item until Mr. Hodgkins attends a meeting and there is some clarification on this by Jack Bridges, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*
4. ARPA – A brief discussion was held on this and the Board would like to wait on a decision until some clarification can be obtained on how to best disburse the money to the Town of Hancock. A letter will be drafted to Senator Collins and Angus King regarding this money.

New Business

1. Departmental Reports
 - a) Don Baker – CEO – see report
 - b) George Moon – Road Commissioner - absent
 - c) Town Clerk/AA Report, Cheri Robinson
 - i) December bank statement
 - ii) Tournament page in Ellsworth American – *Motion to participate in the banner page by Jack Bridges, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*
 - iii) Current account status for Town Hall – revitalize & remodel accounts
 - iv) Current account status for transfer station
 - v) RJD Appraisal contract – account status for assessor agent & revaluation accounts – *Motion by Jack Bridges to contract with RJD Appraisal for assessing purposes, contract to be a yearly contract and run the fiscal year and for George Colwell to sign on behalf of the board, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.*
 - vi) Animal Control Officer – email from Lamoine – discussed the email from Town of Lamoine and clerk will keep the Board updated.
 - vii) Information from TC Hafford regarding work being performed – Clerk advised the Board that TC Hafford has indicated there will be extreme noise on Monday, March 7th and there will be an issue with exhaust fumes on Tuesday, March 8th. *Motion by Bill Birdsall for the office to be closed on Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th while the work is being performed, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*
 - viii) Estimates for flooring – Clerk discussed the two estimates received for the flooring work of the entryway. Estimates were The Family Floor Store \$1,375.00; Trenton Flooring \$856.74. *Motion by Bill Birdsall to accept the Trenton Flooring estimate of \$856.74, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*
2. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #128 in the amount of \$34,496.15
Motion to approve items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 collectively by Bill Birdsall, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0. Motion to approve items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 as submitted by Bill Birdsall, second by Adam Foster, passed 5/0.
3. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #126 in the amount of \$2,760.00
4. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #131 in the amount of \$4,284.63
5. Approval of 21/22 Payables HVFD Warrant #129 in the amount of \$775.98
6. Approval of 21/22 Payables HVFD Warrant #130 in the amount of \$413.00
7. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #125 in the amount of \$2,852.85
8. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #127 in the amount of \$2,937.26
9. Complaints – George Colwell shared with the board he had received a complaint/concern regarding the public library funding.
10. See Mail – None
11. Selectperson comments - None
12. Other business – Letter – A response letter was discussed and will be drafted to the concerned parent who submitted the letter and a copy will be forwarded to the school

board as well. *Motion by Jack Bridges to draft a response letter, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

Adjourn – *Motion to adjourn at 7:52pm by Adam Foster, second by Sean Jones, passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl A. Robinson".

Cheryl A. Robinson
Town Clerk/Admin Asst