

SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022
Municipal Building

6:30 p.m.

Present- George, Jack, Sean, Adam, Cheryl Robinson, Bill Birdsall absent

Call to Order- 6:30pm

Adjustments to the Agenda (if needed) – *Motion by Sean Jones, second by Adam Foster to move #1(c) fire chief, Chris Holmes to #1(a) under New Business, move #1(d) Zach Piper – Harbormaster to #1(b) under New Business and to move #1(iv) Town Meeting warrant article to #1(c) under New Business, passed 4/0.*

Public Comment - None

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes of 01/05/2022 – *Motion by Jack Bridges to approve as written, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0.*

New Business

1. Departmental Reports
 - a) Fire Chief – Chris Holmes – see report. Chris advised the Board the City of Bangor is moving some of their homeless people to the Ellsworth area and putting them up in hotels.
 - b) Zach Piper – Harbormaster – Zach had asked Crystal Canney to be present to provide the Board with some information on aquaculture. She provided them with a draft moratorium on aqua farms and provided them with some Harbor ordinance insight. She spoke on the fact aquaculture is coming in a large scale and the table is being set for this industry. DMR approves all leases and the rules and regulations are very few for this industry. She recommends the Town work out what is best for their community and think about putting in place a moratorium for 180 days to allow that time.
 - c) Town Meeting Warrant article request regarding American Aquafarms – Antonio Blasi and a few other residents of the Town were present asking the Board to put an article on the Town Meeting Warrant seeking Intervenor Status in regards to American Aquafarms and Frenchmen's Bay. After some discussion this was moved to the next meeting to allow the Board members to review and obtain some more information before making a decision. Matter moved to next meeting.
 - d) Don Baker – CEO – see report - absent
 - e) George Moon – Road Commissioner – George reported he has been doing some clean up due to the high winds and he and Adam have spoken about putting a roof over the sand next to the salt/sand shed.
 - f) Town Clerk/AA Report, Cheri Robinson
 - i) 68 Deerfield Drive information – vacant lot – Clerk provided the Board with some more information on this property. *Motion to abate the real estate taxes for 2020 as this lot has been vacant by Sean Jones, second by Jack Bridges, passed 4/0.*
 - ii) FYI – School enrollment – Provided the Board with enrollment information provided by Katrina Kane.

- iii) Precision Auto Body – Personal Property issue – Discussion was held regarding the personal property tax on this business. New owner has changed the name to Precision Auto Body, LLC and feels she is not liable for the prior owners back personal property taxes. Letter will be sent certified mail/return receipt to the prior owner for the back taxes and a new personal property account will be set up for the new owners under Precision Auto Body, LLC.
2. Approval of 21/22 Payables Warrant #122 in the amount of \$18,059.25
 3. Approval of 21/22 HVFD Payables Warrant #124 in the amount of \$2,393.05
 4. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #121 in the amount of \$2,846.68
 5. Approval of 21/22 Payables (payroll) Warrant #123 in the amount of \$2,742.24
Motion by Jack Bridges to approve items #2, 3, 4 & 5 collectively, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0. Motion by Jack Bridges to approve items #2, 3, 4 & 5 as submitted, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0.
 6. Complaints –
 7. Selectperson comments
 8. See Mail –
 9. Other – Letter from Ellsworth Area Church of Christ & response from Board – Email from President of Loaves & Fishes – Patriot Land Surveys proposal
Discussion was held regarding the letter from the Ellsworth Area Church of Christ and it was decided to send a letter to the Trustee of record advising they do not meet the requirements to be tax exempt. The Board reviewed the email from the president of Loaves & Fishes regarding the building of a new building. Discussion was held on Patriot Land Surveyors proposal for the transfer station area. *Motion by Jack Bridges to allow the Board chair, George Colwell, to sign the proposal, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0.*
- 10. Adjourn:** *Motion to adjourn at 7:27pm by Jack Bridges, second by Adam Foster, passed 4/0.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl A. Robinson

Town Clerk/Admin Asst