

BOARD OF SELECTPEOPLE - TOWN OF MACHIAS

JANUARY 22, 2020

A meeting of the Machias Board of Selectpeople was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Josh Rolfe. In attendance were Board members Bill Kitchen, Paula Johnson-Rolfe, James Whalen, and James Jackson; Town Manager Christina Therrien; Secretary Cathy Lord; Police Chief Todd Hand; David Clark, Mary Angarola, Bruce Smith, Ed Pellon, Lynn Bubar-Smith, Cody Reynolds.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Bill Kitchen, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Board meeting (Note: Mr. Rolfe abstained in the vote since he was absent at that meeting).

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, seconded by James Whalen, the Board

VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #58 in the amount of \$12,415.64; to approve municipal warrant #59 in the amount of \$49,528.81; to approve municipal warrant #60 in the amount of \$15,105.49; and, to approve municipal warrant #61 in the amount of \$35,729.04 .

On a motion by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, seconded by James Jackson, the Board

VOTED:

to approve school warrant #29 in the amount of \$258,691.38 .

3. AMBULANCE CONTRACTS

On a motion by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, seconded by James Jackson, the Board

VOTED:

To approve ambulance contracts with East Machias, UMM, and Whitneyville.

4. FIRE CONTRACT

On a motion by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, seconded by James Whalen, the Board

VOTED:

To approve the fire contract with Whitneyville.

5. NEW MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATION - GREEN LIFE

The Board reviewed an application submitted by Mr. Cody Reynolds for Green Life, a medical marijuana sales business. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe asked if the business was a limited liability company; Mr. Cody explained that the business does not have designation at this time, but he hopes to apply for the LLC designation soon.

On a motion by James Whalen, seconded by Bill Kitchen, the Board

VOTED:

To sign an application for Green Life to do business as a medical marijuana business.

6. RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA - SCHEDULE MEETING

Mr. Rolfe noted that the members of the Board have a draft adult use marijuana ordinance to review and utilize as a framework for the development of the Machias ordinance. Mr. Rolfe added that it would be important to receive input from both businesses and residents on this ordinance. He suggested that at least one more workshop be scheduled to discuss recreational sales as well as developing some kind of question survey that would assist the Board in developing an ordinance. Mr. Kitchen commented that residents are looking to the Board for direction. He suggested the need to look at the fee structure and job creation. Ms. Therrien explained that job creation could be documented by a business's payroll. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe said that she agreed with supporting the creation of jobs by these businesses; she added that there has to be "a happy medium".

The Board agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss an ordinance covering adult use marijuana on 1/30 at 6:00 PM. Ms. Therrien suggested that both adult use and medical marijuana sales be discussed.

7. BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Rolfe suggested holding a four to five hour budget meeting this year to discuss municipal budgets instead of meeting every Wednesday. It was decided to discuss this option with the members of the Machias Budget Committee at a meeting on February 5th at 6:00 PM at the Machias Town Office.

8. BALLFIELD UPDATE

Mr. Whalen reported that there have been several meetings held to discuss renovating the ballfields and he distributed a handout for the Board to review in which the costs for the improvements are broken out for each project. Mr. Whalen noted that the handout is being distributed for public review.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ms. Therrien advised the Board that there is a January 27th meeting at the East Machias Town Hall to discuss a recreation center for the area.

B. Ms. Therrien reminded the Board of the topics for the January 29th public hearing: medical and recreational marijuana, updates to omnibus TIF, airport funding for an environmental assessment, trailer foreclosures, shoreline zoning ordinance updates, and a mobile home park ordinance.

C. On a motion by Bill Kitchen, seconded by James Whalen, the Board **VOTED:**

To adopt the municipal parking ordinance.

D. The Board discussed priorities on sidewalk repairs with Ms. Therrien. Ms. Therrien reviewed the listing of sidewalks which need attention and she told the Board that she would prioritize the work and she asked the members of the Board for their input on what they think are priorities for repairs, as well. Ms. Therrien said that she could break out by section the worse areas that need repairs and estimate the repair costs for these areas. She noted that the Town has \$91,273. authorized by voters for the repairs. It was the consensus of the Board that the Town Manager and the Public Works Director would be more aware of the repair priorities and could decide on the priorities. The Board also discussed reaching out to whatever contractors are available to obtain prices for the repair work.

E. Ms. Therrien advised the Board that she has ordered the washer/dryer extractor and cabinets for the public safety building. She also told the Board that she had arranged a clean-up and other improvements at the public safety building.

F. Mr. Rolfe informed the attendees that Machias might be asked to be a second amendment sanctuary municipality.

G. Mr. Rolfe informed those present that UMM is openly discussing changing Sennett Hall into Section 8 housing. Those present at the meeting discussed the fiscal obligations which would face the Town if this were to happen. The Board requested that the Town Manager reach out to UMM for information since such a decision could greatly affect Machias fiscally.

On a motion by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, seconded by James Whalen, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.