

Note: Before beginning the meeting, those assembled stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD OF SELECTPEOPLE - TOWN OF MACHIAS

JULY 13, 2022

A meeting of the Machias Board of Selectpeople was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Paula Johnson-Rolfe. In attendance were Board members Leslie Haynes, Sandra Sinford, Carole Porcher, and Jake Patryn; Town Manager Bill Kitchen; Secretary Cathy Lord; Police Chief Keith Mercier; Superintendent of Schools Scott Porter, Nicole Case, Morgan Fogg.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Carole Porcher, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 Board meeting.

On a motion by Sandra Sinford, seconded by Carole Porcher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

Mr. Kitchen explained that the warrant data was not ready for tonight's meeting. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe reminded the members of the Board of the need for them to go to the Town Office every week in order to sign municipal warrants.

3. REFERENDUM FOR NEW CLASSROOMS - MACHIAS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Superintendent of Schools Scott Porter told the Board of plans to use Covid-19 funds to build two new classrooms in the alternate education building. Mr. Porter advised the Board that since Covid funds are going to be used the Maine Department of Education requires that a referendum is held to obtain consent from citizens. Mr. Porter asked the Board to set dates for a public hearing and a date for a referendum vote to proceed with the building project. Mr. Kitchen recommended some dates for the public hearing and the referendum vote.

On a motion by Leslie Haynes, seconded by Carole Porcher, the Board
VOTED:

To schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:00 PM and to schedule the referendum vote on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 PM at the Machias High School gym.

4. SPECIAL TASTE TESTING EVENT LICENSE - CATHERINE HILL WINERY

Mr. Kitchen explained that an application was received from Catherine Hill Winery to conduct a taste testing event during Machias Blueberry Festival weekend (August 20-August 21).

On a motion by Leslie Haynes, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To approve an application submitted by Catherine Hill Winery for a taste testing event to be held on August 20th & August 21st from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Machias Savings Bank parking lot during the Machias Blueberry Festival.

5. UPDATE ON SALE OF TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY AT 0 ELM STREET

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that Aardvark Enterprises & Associates had bid \$63,000. on tax-acquired property at 0 Elm Street. Mr. Kitchen explained that the high bidder has advised that they are backing out of their bid and understand they are forfeiting their down payment of

\$6300. Mr. Kitchen noted that \$3322. in property taxes was owed on the property. The Board discussed the bids submitted on the property and how to proceed with selling the property (selling to next highest bidder, rebidding the property, approaching the abutter on their interest). It was the consensus of the Board that the land be offered to the next highest bidder and if that bidder is not interested that the Town Manager proceed down the list of the remaining bidders to sell the property.

On a motion by Leslie Haynes, seconded by Jake Patryn, the Board
VOTED:

To accept the second highest bid made on the 0 Elm Street property following the same terms and conditions outlined in the bid specifications and if this bidder declines to proceed to the next highest bidder to sell the property.

BIDS ON PROPERTY: opened by Board at their 6/8/22 meeting

0 Elm Street (land) minimum bid of \$3,322.

- Charles Ewing: bid of \$5,129. with check for 10% included with bid
- Kevin Millay: bid of \$7,100. with check for 10% included with bid
- Mark Patryn: bid of \$6,645. with check for 10% included with bid
- Positive Development Me LLC: bid of \$5,111. with check for 10% included with bid
- Aardvark Enterprises & Associates: bid of \$63,000. with check for 10% included with bid
- William Gray: bid of \$8,522. with check for 10% included with bid
- J. Austin Murdick: bid of \$11,100. with check for 10% included with bid
- Robert Richardson Jr.: bid of \$8,600. with check for 10% included with bid
- Alan Huntley: bid of \$11,200. with check for 10% included with bid
- Isaiah Roberts: bid of \$6,000. with check for 10% included with bid
- Gus Marx: bid of \$3,825. with check for 10% included with bid
- Kyle Lambson: bid of \$5,000. with check for 10% included with bid
- Tim Theis: bid of \$8,500. with check for 10% included with bid

6. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LICENSE ON PREMISES - BAD LITTLE BREWING COMPANY LLC

Mr. Kitchen advised the members of the Board that no application has been received from Bad Little Brewing Company even though he had advised the owners they needed to submit a new application.

7. MUNICIPAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Mr. Kitchen explained that at the recent Planning Board meeting the Board and he had discussed amending the building ordinance to exempt the school department from having to pay building permit fees. Mr. Kitchen noted that the members of the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer support this change to the ordinance. Mr. Kitchen explained that citizens would be asked for permission to address this change to the ordinance at a special town meeting.

On a motion by Leslie Haynes, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To proceed with steps to amend the town's building ordinance to exempt the school department from building permit fees and to authorize the Town Manager to work with the Planning Board.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- A. Chief Mercier reported that call rates for police response doubled last month.
- B. Chief Mercier advised the Board that a relay race will be going through Machias on 7/22/22.
- C. Mr. Mercier reported that the department recently participated in firearms training.

D. Chief Mercier noted there will be a stuff-the-cruiser event on 8/27/22.

E. Mr. Mercier reported that he had another productive meeting with the Machias Blueberry Festival committee.

F. Chief Mercier advised that the new cruiser is being lettered in Old Town.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Kitchen advised the Board of receipt of a liquor license renewal application from Sodexo America LLC for liquor service at the University of Maine at Machias.

On a motion by Sandra Sinford, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a liquor license renewal for Sodexo America LLC.

B. Mr. Kitchen reported that the UMM event held at Bad Little Falls Park went very well. He thanked members of the Board for attending.

C. Mr. Kitchen reported that over two hundred people attended the Thursday evening concert at Bad Little Falls Park.

D. Mr. Kitchen updated the Board on efforts to remove the trailers in Hoyttown; he noted that efforts continue to have the trailers removed by the new owner.

E. Ms. Porcher noted that there is a pancake breakfast on Saturday July 16th at the airport.

F. Via Zoom, Mary Angarola said that she was still concerned about needed repairs to the sidewalk on Court Street in front of Bad Little Brewing Company. Mr. Kitchen said that he would follow up on the concerns. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe noted she appreciated that Ms. Angarola brought this to the Board's attention..

On a motion by Sandra Sinford, seconded by Leslie Haynes, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.