

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. In attendance were Board members Warren Gay, Danny Manchester, and Glenn Davis; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Finance Director Meghan Dennison; Fire Chief Joey Dennison; Nancy Manchester, Sharon Mack.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 Board meeting with the following correction:

Page 4, Item #15, Paragraph #2 should read: "The Towns of Roque Bluffs and Whitneyville and the Unorganized Territories have paid their solid waste contracts and paid their fee for the year. The Board of Selectmen discussed pursuing changes for this year's contract, and concluded that there be no change for this year, but that a meeting be held in June with the other member towns to discuss changes for next year."

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board

VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #66 in the amount of \$15,520.12; to approve municipal warrant #67 in the amount of \$51,060.73; to approve municipal warrant #68 in the amount of \$16,364.23; to approve municipal warrant #69 in the amount of \$26,573.74; to approve municipal warrant #70 in the amount of \$11,438.74; and, to approve municipal warrant #71 in the amount of \$27,175.90 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board

VOTED:

To approve school warrant #32 in the amount of \$233,600.67 .

3. GRANT REQUESTS - SHARON MACK

Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon Mack reviewed a list of grants she will be applying for from the Maine Humanities Council, the King Foundation, the Libra Foundation, the Sohn Foundation, and Maine Initiative. She also informed the Board that the Chamber has submitted concept letters for grant proposals from the Fields Pond Foundation, the Maine NextGen Organization, and the Quimby

Foundation.

The members of the Board extended their support for the grant proposals. Mr. Carter did express concern that the MDOT may have some reservations as to driver distraction and visibility issues with showing movies so close to Route #1 near vehicle traffic.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board

VOTED:

To support the Chamber of Commerce efforts on grant applications to the Maine Humanities Council, the King Foundation, the Libra Foundation, the Sohn Foundation, and Maine Initiatives.

Mr. Loughlin informed the members of the Board that Machias has been awarded a Belvedere grant in the amount of \$13,000. for renovations to the railroad station.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To accept on behalf of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce a Belvedere grant in the amount of \$13,000. for renovations to the railroad station.

4. ABATEMENT - REQUEST FOR A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO BOARD'S MOTION

Mr. Loughlin asked the Board to clarify the amount of the abatement given to Mr. Ed Pellon at a previous Board meeting.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

Concerning the abatement to Mr. Ed Pellon, to clarify the amount of the reimbursement for overpayment of taxes as \$65.00 for 2012, \$0.00 for 2011, and \$34.00 for 2012 for a total of \$99.00 in total abatements.

5. SCHEDULE OF BUDGET MEETINGS FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Loughlin and the members of the Board reviewed the schedule of meetings previously agreed upon. It was decided to eliminate the March 19th and March 26th meetings and to add a meeting on March 6th at 7:00 PM and to add a meeting on April 16th at 7:00 PM.

6. SEWER ORDINANCE SIGNING

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To sign the Machias sewer ordinance.

7. WHITNEYVILLE/JONESBORO EXCISE TAX

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board of a request from the Towns of Whitneyville and Jonesboro asking that the Town of Machias collect excise taxes for the period of April 11-23, 2014.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board

VOTED:

To accept the Whitneyville and Jonesboro excise taxes during the period of April 11-23, 2014.

8. LETTER TO MACHIASPORT CONCERNING DOWNEAST AMBULANCE

Mr. Loughlin and the members of the Board discussed sending a letter to the selectmen of the Town of Machiasport regarding Downeast Ambulance Service. The Board asked that Mr. Loughlin arrange a meeting with Machiasport selectmen for a discussion.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To table sending a letter of concern to Machiasport selectmen at the present time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin called the Board's attention to a letter from Bonnie Fortini regarding adult education.

B. Mr. Loughlin recommended that the Board of Selectmen create an economic development task force to look at future needs with a focus on development of roads and sidewalks. The Board and Mr. Loughlin discussed the need for a sidewalk on the Court Street hill.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM.