

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

CBDG GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF EASTSIDE SEWER LINE

A public hearing on a Community Development Block Grant application for the extension of the eastside sewer line was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Rose Gaffney School by Machias Board of Selectmen Chairman Aubrey Carter. Mr. Carter explained that the second scheduled public hearing on vehicle weight limits and streets/sidewalks would not be conducted. Machias Town Manager Chris Loughlin gave an update on the work being done as part of the eastside sewer project. He explained that Machias will be applying for \$920,000. in CBDG funds and will use leftover grant money from the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and the eastside phase 1 project (\$230,000.) as matching funds for the CBDG grant.

Mr. Carter asked for comments and questions from the public.

Mr. Carter closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter at the Machias Town Office. In attendance were Board members Warren Gay, Danny Manchester, Glenn Davis, and Cony Upton; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Sharon Mack, Hillary Savage, Scott Porter, Terry Sanborn, Eric Holm, Ed Pellon, Walter Shannon, Jim Lenke. Nelson Merriam, Patty Sansing.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Board meeting with the following corrections:

Page 1, Item #3 should read: "Ambulance Captain Lois Libby discussed the hiring of paramedics for the Machias Ambulance Service with the Board of Selectmen. She explained to the Board that there are between forty and fifty transfers requiring a paramedic per month from the hospital which provides income of \$1500. to \$1800. per trip. Ms. Libby estimated that the Machias Ambulance Service would get at least half these transfers. Ms. Libby estimated that two paramedics would have to be budgeted at \$131,000. for wages and \$20,000. for additional benefits. She told the Board that the Board could look at paying paramedics at a per diem rate. Mr. Loughlin added that the Board would need to make sure that a program using paramedics would be able to sustain itself. Mr. Carter asked if there were sufficient funds in the current budget to begin using paramedics; Mr. Loughlin pointed out that the Board would need to build the 2013-2014 ambulance budget around the use of paramedics. The Board decided to go with the per diem rate to compensate paramedics in the 2013-2014 ambulance budget. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that he would advertise in May for paramedics for the service. Mr. Carter added that the use of paramedics will be thoroughly discussed with the budget committee when this budget is discussed during budget development."

Page 3, Item #13 the motion for executive session was made by Cony Upton and seconded by Danny Manchester.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #72 in the amount of \$17,708.31; to approve municipal warrant #73 in the amount of \$52,870.17; to approve municipal warrant #74 in the amount of \$11,911.83; and to approve municipal warrant #75 in the amount of \$60,167.25 .

Mr. Manchester questioned the need to purchase plow blades for the new trucks. Mr. Loughlin confirmed that the blades have already worn out. Members of the Board were surprised that new blades are already being purchased. The Board asked the Town Manager to look into this problem.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board VOTED:

To approve school warrant #34 in the amount of \$195,128.13 .

3. BID OPENINGS - SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT

The members of the Board opened the bids received on the school expansion project.

Abatement Bids (science lab):
County Abatement Inc. - \$5580.00
Riverside Lane - \$2715.00
Atlantic Construction Services - \$4365.00

Laboratory Addition Bids:
Nickerson & O'Day Inc. - \$279,229.00 Bid bond included with bid Addendum 1, 2, & 3 included with bid
King Construction Services - \$229,000.00 Bid bond included with bid Addendum 1, 2, & 3 included with bid
Federal Program Integrated - \$228,343.68 Bid bond included with bid Addendum 1, 2, & 3 included with bid
Merriam Architects - \$236,142.00 Bid bond included with bid Addendum 1, 2, & 3 included with bid

Electrical Bids(science lab):
Bellows Electric - \$16,341.00
William Barnett - \$20,323.00

Mechanical Bids (science lab):
E. Pellon Company - \$56,500.00

Fire Protection Bids:
Maine Fire Protection System - \$3624.00
Bellows Electric - \$3500.00

Mr. Porter recommended that background checks and references on the contractors be checked. The Board discussed scheduling a work session with the school committee to examine the bids in detail.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:
To table the school expansion project bids until the Board's March 13, 2013
meeting.

4. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT & SIDEWALK ORDINANCES

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To table the vehicle weight limit and sidewalk ordinances.

5. SEWER USER RATE COMMITMENT

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To sign the quarterly sewer user rate commitment.

6. WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:
To appoint Chris Loughlin as the Machias representative to the Washington
County Council of Governments.

7. PARKING ISSUE FOR WHOLE LIFE/AXION/DRY CLEANERS PARKING LOT

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that since Axiom has purchased a building on
the Crane block a problem has developed with parking issues during training
classes. The owner of the Whole Life building explained that participants in
Axion's computer classes use all the parking adjacent to the building leaving
no parking for business patrons during training sessions. She suggested
placing signs designating a thirty minute parking limit. The Board discussed
how to address this issue. It was the decision of the Board to erect signs
notifying participants of Axion training classes to park either in the Water
Street parking lot or the Colonial parking lot. Mr. Carter suggested that
Axion advise their training participants upfront that there is parking
available in these two lots.

8. TRAINING REQUEST - AMBULANCE VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To approve ambulance vehicle operations training for Chris Van Ormer, Kevin
Beal, Joe Thompson, and
Gordon Matthewson.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin informed the Board of a letter from Efficiency Maine advising
that the Town has been selected to participate in a pilot energy efficiency
program which would reduce utility costs by encouraging energy efficient
lighting upgrades. He told the Board that he would look into this further.

B. The Board reviewed a letter from adult education director Bonnie Fortini.
Mr. Carter requested that copies of this letter be provided to the Machias
Budget Committee.

Mr. Manchester pointed out that the Machias Budget Committee should be

included in school committee budget development meetings.

C. Members of the Board expressed concern about a problem with accumulating garbage on a lot located on Dupont Lane.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.