

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

APRIL 9, 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, Glenn Davis, and Cony Upton; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Finance Director Meghan Dennison, Fire Chief Joey Dennison, Nancy Manchester.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board voted to table the minutes of the March 27, 2014 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

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

To approve municipal warrant #84 in the amount of \$15,306.67; to approve municipal warrant #85 in the amount of \$50,978.94; to approve municipal warrant #86 in the amount of \$12,008.70; and, to approve municipal warrant #87 in the amount of \$26,191.34 .

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

To approve school warrant #40 in the amount of \$219,787.16 .

3. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - ARAMARK

Mr. Loughlin reviewed a liquor license renewal application from Aramark; he noted that the application states that the company had food sales of \$112,230. and liquor sales of \$565.

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

To approve a liquor license renewal for Aramark.

4. ROOFING BIDS

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he recommends the installation of a standing seam roof on the town office building. He pointed out that only one of the roofing bidders provided a bid for a standing seam roof (Williams Roofing). Mr. Loughlin told the Board that he notified Williams Roofing that they were awarded the bid for the project. He contacted another bidder, King Construction, to see if they could quote the cost for a standing seam roof which they did and he noted that the bid was very competitive to the bid submitted by Williams Roofing for the standing seam roof. Members of the Board agreed that the standing seam roof is the preferable type of roof for the town office building. The Board debated and discussed how to proceed.

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

To reject all roofing bids submitted for the Machias Town Office.

Mr. Carter pointed out that the bid on the project has been awarded and the

low bidder has been notified that the bid was awarded to them. Mr. Manchester recommended accepting the bid for the installation of a standing seam roof from the bidder who was initially awarded the bid at the Board's last meeting. Mr. Carter noted that the problem is that this type of roof was not specifically mentioned in the request for bids and other roofing companies did not have an opportunity to submit bids on this type of roof. He also pointed out that the low bidder was awarded the bid for Option #2 which was a different type of roof. Mr. Upton expressed his concern and questioned if it would be fair and ethical to award the bid on an option which was not in the request for bids. The members of the Board discussed the alternatives. Mr. Carter asked that Mr. Loughlin contact MMA for legal advice. Mr. Upton added that he wants to make sure "things are done right". The other members of the Board agreed to seek guidance from MMA.

#### 5. SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METALS DEALER PERMIT - IT, LLC.BU

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that IT Store LLC has provided an application for a secondhand precious metals dealer permit. He explained that no public hearing is necessary for this permit.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board  
VOTED:  
To award a secondhand precious metals dealer permit to IT Store LLC.

#### 6. TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Mr. Loughlin recommended that the 2014 town report be dedicated to Edward Sprague and Dr. Francis Schumann.

On a motion by Warren Gray, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board  
VOTED:  
To dedicate the 2014 town report to two individuals this year, Edward Sprague and Dr. Francis Schumann.

Mr. Carter asked that Mr. Loughlin contact the families of the two individuals regarding the dedication.

#### 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Loughlin informed the Board that Fire Chief Joey Dennison is asking the Board to appoint two new members to the Machias Volunteer Fire Department - Grant Hanscom and Tim Cox. Mr. Carter noted that the Board had tabled the appointment of Mr. Cox at a previous meeting. It was suggested that the Board adjourn into executive session to discuss this appointment. Mr. Loughlin said that he had notified Mr. Cox by telephone and e-mail that the Board would be discussing his appointment at this meeting.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board  
VOTED:  
Upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and Fire Chief, to appoint Grant Hanscom to the Machias Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Carter requested that the Town Manager contact Mr. Cox and inform him that his appointment will be discussed in executive session at the conclusion of this meeting.

## 8. TRAINING REQUEST - AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that a Machias Ambulance Service member, Robin Stanwood, is requesting that she be allowed to attend a paramedics training at a cost of \$1000.

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

VOTED:

To send Robin Stanwood to a paramedics training class with funding allocated from the ambulance budget in the amount of \$1000.

## 9. DEP PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loughlin reviewed the DEP proposed consent agreement with the correction steps that need to be implemented by the Town of Machias to address problems with the sewer system/wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Loughlin discussed hiring an attorney to pursue the reduction of the fine imposed on the Town and he recommended hiring an attorney. Mr. Upton stated his concern that the Town keeps upgrading the system and the plant but is continuing to see problems. He noted that these overflow events are putting people out of work and this is very serious. Mr. Davis agreed; he commented that the Town is performing upgrades recommended by the DEP but the system seems to be getting worse instead of better. Mr. Loughlin pointed out that the system had to bypass just this week because of heavy rain with 121,000 gallons reported as overflow. He commented that the upgrades are working but that the problem continues to come from the other side of the river. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he and the plant supervisor have suggested using a holding tank on the other side of the river to alleviate problems.

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

VOTED:

To hire the services of Attorney William Taylor to negotiate with DEP on the consent agreement at a cost not to exceed \$6000.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin noted that the Board had received a letter from the adult education coordinator regarding continuation of the program. He pointed out that Machias residents use only fifty percent of the program but that Machias taxpayers provide seventy-five percent of funding for the program. Mr. Loughlin reported that it appears that others towns are reluctant to provide additional funding for the program.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VOTED:

To adjourn to executive session at 6:37 PM in order to discuss an application to serve on the volunteer fire department as stipulated under 1 MRSA Chapter 13 ss 405(6) (A).

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

VOTED:

To adjourn the executive session at 6:51 PM and reconvene into regular session.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.