

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

APRIL 10, 2013

This meeting was called to order at 6:05 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; Town Clerk Sandra Clifton; Fire Chief Joey Dennison; Danny Bowker, Sharon Mack, Hillary Savage, Ed Pellon, Brian Ingalls .

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Board meeting with the following correction:

Page 3, Item #10 the motion should read: "To designate all front parking spaces in this municipal parking lot as having thirty minute parking."

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 \$14,226.27; to approve municipal warrant #85 in the amount of \$33,017.67; to approve municipal warrant #86 in the amount of \$12,074.65; and, to approve municipal warrant #87 in the amount of \$11,473.83 .

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

To approve school warrant #40 in the amount of \$208,932.31 .

3. BID OPENING - BANK LOAN FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The members of the Board opened the bids received on the \$246,000. school construction project.

Bids:

Machias Savings Bank - 2.06% for a ten year term

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust - 2.44% for a ten year term

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

To award the bid on the bank loan for the school construction project to Machias Savings Bank at a rate of 2.06% for a ten year term.

4. SCHEDULING OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING - SKYWALKER'S BAR & GRILL

The Board scheduled a public hearing at 6:00 PM on April 24, 2013 to discuss and review a liquor license application submitted by the owners of Skywalker's Bar & Grill.

5. BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM APPROVAL

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The Board discussed scheduling a meeting on May 28th at 6:00 PM at the Gaffney gym to act on the Machias School Department budget validation referendum.

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

VOTED:

To schedule a budget validation referendum meeting at 6:00 PM on May 28, 2013 at the Gaffney gym.

6. DOWNEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OFFICE BUILDING - PROPERTY TAX CHANGE

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that a letter dated March 29, 2013 and postmarked April 3, 2013 was received by the Town requesting a change to the tax designation of the office building located on Dublin Street owned by Downeast Community Hospital. Mr. Loughlin explained to the Board that the hospital has requested that the tax assessor designate only the portion of the building being rented (separated out as a condominium) as taxable property with the remainder of the building being non-taxable. Mr. Loughlin noted that the Town would be losing approximately \$22,000. in tax revenue due to this re-designation; he also pointed out that the request letter was postmarked after the cut-off date for requests and therefore the re-designation cannot be enacted this year.

7. MACHIAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A. Fire Chief Joey Dennison asked the Board to appoint Ross Lucey-Wheaton and Tyler Libby to the volunteer roster. He advised the Board that the department currently has twenty-seven members and can hold a maximum of thirty members on the roster.

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

VOTED:

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, to appoint Ross Lucey-Wheaton and Tyler Libby to the volunteer roster of the Machias Fire Department.

B. Chief Dennison noted that there has been some discussion regarding the request from Roque Bluffs asking for a mutual aid contract with the Town of Machias. He noted that most towns want to improve their ISO rating for insurance purposes. Mr. Dennison explained the ISO rating system to the Board. He added that it appears that there are some rumors creating tension regarding the Roque Bluffs' request and that he and his department are working to resolve any issues. Mr. Dennison advised the Board that he plans to meet with the fire chiefs of Roque Bluffs and Jonesboro to discuss the request. Mr. Carter asked Mr. Dennison if Roque Bluffs' ISO rating changed when that town decided to receive services from Jonesboro. Mr. Dennison responded that he was unsure of this. Mr. Dennison advised the Board that the plan is to have the ISO re-evaluated in one year since it was last reviewed in 2006.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VOTED:

To adjourn to executive session at 8:45 PM in order to discuss a personnel issue as permitted under

1 MRSA Chapter 13, ss 405(6) (A).

On a motion by Glenn Davis, seconded by Danny Manchester, the Board voted to adjourn the executive session at 9:12 PM and reconvened into open session.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.