

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

APRIL 24, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SKYWALKER'S BAR & GRILL

A public hearing to review an initial liquor license application submitted for Skywalker's Bar & Grill was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chairman Aubrey Carter. Mr. Carter explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to provide the opportunity for citizens to speak in support of the application or in opposition to the application for a liquor license. Mr. John Parker, owner of the business, explained to the Board plans for his new business. He advised the Board that the establishment would seat forty-six people and would have a full kitchen to serve meals and that he hopes to open the business sometime this summer. Mr. Loughlin noted that Mr. Parker was applying for a Class II Restaurant/Lounge license. Hearing no other comments 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 6:05 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; Sharon Mack, Hillary Savage, John Parker, Mike Schoppee, Owen Moody, Lisa Hanscom.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2013 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

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

To approve municipal warrant #89 in the amount of \$136.32; to approve municipal warrant #90 in the amount of \$14,225.35; to approve municipal warrant #91 in the amount of \$30,794.76; to approve municipal warrant #92 in the amount of \$14,002.99; and, to approve municipal warrant #93 in the amount of \$78,017.61 .

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

To approve school warrant #42 in the amount of \$223,644.48 .

3. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - SKYWALKER'S BAR & GRILL

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

To approve a liquor license application for Skywalker's Bar & Grill.

#### 4. BIDS ON TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY

Mr. Loughlin informed the Board that no bids were received on the one piece of tax-acquired property recently advertised for sale to the highest bidder. He cautioned the Board that if the Town cannot sell the mobile home in question the Town will be responsible for a \$180./month lot rental fee. Mr. Loughlin asked the Board if he could look into other alternatives to removal of the mobile home; the Board gave their consent to have the mobile home removed as soon as possible. They asked that Mr. Loughlin report back to them at their next scheduled meeting. Mr. Carter requested that the former owner be given a week to remove her personal property from the mobile home before the trailer is removed.

#### 5. DISCUSSION WITH ROQUE BLUFFS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ms. Lisa Hanscom, select person from the Town of Roque Bluffs, addressed the Board regarding the mutual aid agreement Roque Bluffs had sought with the Town of Machias. Ms. Hanscom said she was upset because the Town of Roque Bluffs was insulted by an article in a newspaper that said that the Roque Bluffs fire department had "one antiquated truck and a couple of firefighters". Jonesboro Fire Chief Mike Schoppee explained that Roque Bluffs is a fire substation to the Town of Jonesboro. He advised the Board that Roque Bluffs now has three pieces of firefighting equipment (a pumper, a tanker, and a brush truck) and thirty-one firefighters. Ms. Hanscom told the Board that Roque Bluffs sent out mutual aid agreements as a technicality to allow Roque Bluffs to obtain an ISO number to lower insurance rates to Roque Bluffs' homeowners. She added that this is a unique situation since Roque Bluffs owns its own equipment but operates under Jonesboro's certification. Ms. Hanscom added that she had to go to Washington D.C. to obtain permission for this special arrangement.

Mr. Carter explained that the Board of Selectmen could not understand the need for a mutual aid agreement since Machias already has a mutual aid contract with Jonesboro. He noted that Roque Bluffs had previously decided not to sign a contract for fire coverage with the Town of Machias and had instead decided to contract with the Town of Jonesboro. Ms. Hanscom confirmed that this was true and that a Machias town manager had met with the Roque Bluffs selectmen and told them that the contract fee with Machias had increased in order to pay for a new firetruck for Machias.

Mr. Carter pointed out that the Machias Fire Department would respond to a fire in Roque Bluffs under the provisions of its mutual aid agreement with Jonesboro. Ms. Hanscom reiterated that she was insulted by the language used in the newspaper article. Mr. Loughlin indicated that he had made the comment that had been quoted in the newspaper article. Mr. Carter said that he felt that Machias, Roque Bluffs, and Jonesboro are "one large community" and that towns need to help each other. The members of the Board agreed to sign the mutual aid agreement. Mr. Carter explained that it would have been better understood if Ms. Hanscom had talked to the Board before the agreement was presented to them. Ms. Hanscom responded that was why she was at this meeting; she added that it would have been better if Roque Bluffs had been notified of the Machias selectmen's decision on the mutual aid agreement made at a previous meeting instead of reading about the decision in the newspaper. Mr. Schoppee commented that it appears that there has been some miscommunication.

The members of the Board signed the mutual aid agreement. Mr. Carter asked

that Mr. Schoppee sign the agreement as the Fire Chief for Roque Bluffs. Mr. Schoppee signed the agreement as Fire Chief for Roque Bluffs.

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

To sign a mutual aid agreement for fire coverage with the Town of Roque Bluffs.

#### 6. MACHIAS FIREFIGHTER APPOINTMENTS

The Board signed appointment papers for volunteer fire fighters Ross Lucey-Wheaton and Tyler Libby who were appointed at the Board's April 10th appointment.

#### 7. DMV CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he had discussed the DMV contract with the State and he reported that the State does not want to change the contract. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that there is a thirty day clause in the contract allowing either party to opt out of the agreement. It was the consensus of the Board to continue the DMV contract for use of a portion of the telebusiness center with the thirty day clause.

#### 8. SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Board reviewed the selectmen's report which will be included in the annual town report.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that Mr. Porter has specifications for the purchase of air circulators for the school gym. The Board discussed the schedule for opening bids and decided that bids will be opened on June 26th.

B. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he wants to get a dot gov domain for the town at a cost of \$125. per year; he noted that this site would be used for the development of a web page for the town.

C. Mr. Loughlin informed the Board that the Town received a bill from the hospital for charges for a pre-arraignment prisoner who needed medical attention.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.