BOARD OF SELECTPEOPLE - TOWN OF MACHIAS

MAY 23, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR OBADIAH’S CAFE, HELEN’S RESTAURANT, NEW HING GARDEN, R & J MAINE ENTERPRISES


Chairman Warren Gay opened the public hearing to allow citizens to comment on applications for special entertainment permits for Obadiah’s Cafe, Helen’s Restaurant, New Hing Garden, and R & J Enterprises. After asking for comments from the public and hearing none, Mr. Gay asked the Board to adjourn the public hearing.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board voted to adjourn the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

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A meeting of the Machias Board of Selectpeople was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Warren Gay. In attendance were Board members Josh Rolfe, Leslie Haynes, Paula Johnson-Rolfe, Bill Kitchen; Town Manager Christina Therrien; Secretary Cathy Lord; Ed Pellon, David Clark, Mary Angarola, Kimberly Grier, Sylvia Pouliot, Jim Whalen, Roy Mollomo, Marjorie Ahlin, Nichaols Boutin, Sally Ward, Dallas Ward.

MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board VOTED:
To approve municipal warrant #97 in the amount of $10,520.13; to approve municipal warrant #98 in the amount of $273,294.60; to approve municipal warrant #99 in the amount of $17,700.10; and, to approve municipal warrant #100 in the amount of $63,151.29.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board
VOTED:
To approve school warrant #45 in the amount of $196,403.15.

3. ALLONGE AGREEMENT ON 2017 BOND

Ms. Therrien explained that the 2017 DEP bond on the sewer project needs to be extended for a period of one year.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board
VOTED:
To extend by a period of one year the 2017 DEP bond for the sewer project.

4. R & J MAINE ENTERPRISES, LLC - LIQUOR LICENSE/ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board
VOTED:
To approve a liquor license for R & J Maine Enterprises, LLC.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Bill Kitchen, the Board
VOTED:
To approve a special entertainment permit for R & J Enterprises, LLC.

5. ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS - OBADIAH’S CAFE, HELEN’S RESTAURANT, NEW HING RESTAURANT

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Bill Kitchen, the Board
VOTED:  To approve special entertainment permits for Obadiah’s Cafe, Helen’s Restaurant, and the New Hing Garden Restaurant.

6. AMBULANCE SERVICE - REQUEST TO HIRE

The Board reviewed a request submitted by Ambulance Captain Lois Libbey to hire Mr. Thomas Simmons as a volunteer for the Machias Ambulance Service.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson- Rolfe, the Board
VOTED:
To appoint Mr. Thomas Simmons to the Machias Ambulance Service as a volunteer with the stipulation that he provide a fit-for-duty clearance within six months.

7. NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDER’S MEETING

Ms. Therrien informed the members of the Board that the annual meeting of the Machias Water Company will be held on May 31st at 10:00 AM at the water company office; she noted that in the past a Board member has usually attended the meeting to represent the Town since the Town owns a significant portion of the company. Mr. Gay noted that he
will be attending the meeting.
Mr. Pellon asked the Board to reconsider selling the town’s shares in the water company. Members of the Board agreed that the Town could advertise the shares and see if there is any response. Ms Therrien reminded the Board that when the Town offered to sell its shares to the majority owners of the company the majority owners offered very little monetarily for the shares. Ms. Therrien pointed out the the Town, as minority owner of the water company, is burdened with forty-nine percent of the company’s liability.

8. SEASONAL TRANSPORTATION PERMIT AND FEE

Ms. Therrien explained to the Board that she had an inquiry about a short-term transportation permit to haul gravel over one of the town’s secondary roads. The Board discussed the request. Mr. Pellon commented that the Town is requiring property owners to purchase permits to use town roads. Mr. Rolfe explained that the seasonal transportation permit is not a ploy to make money but is an effort to protect the roads and know who is utilizing the road with heavy vehicles which could potentially damage roadways. Ms. Therrien noted that vehicle owners who hold a seasonal permit are on file and provide proof of insurance with the Town if there is any damage caused from their use of the road. The Board agreed that the fee for a transportation permit taken out from the months of May to September is $40.00 for a seasonal pass, $20.00 for a monthly pass, and $5.00 for a one-time pass.

9. BLACK FLY BALL DISCUSSION

Ms. Kimberly Grier advised the Board that the date of the annual Blackly Ball has been changed to October 6th this year and she asked the Board for permission to use the Bad Little Falls Park on this date. Ms. Grier told the Board that she has some concerns over park maintenance and the lack of a reliable power supply going to the park; she asked for assistance from the Town again this year and she asked if the Board would think about closing down Elm Street this year on October 6th in light of the decreased use of the street at that time of the year. Ms. Therrien noted that she could have Border Electric perform an assessment on power solutions to the park. Ms. Therrien explained that the Public Works Department will work on cutting back brush at the park and making repairs to the gazebo and park benches.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Paula Johnson-Rolfe, the Board
VOTED: To approve the use of Bad Little Falls Park for the Blackly Ball on October 6, 2018.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ms. Therrien confirmed that the sewer project is progressing as scheduled.

B. Mr. Kitchen said that he will be attending the trails grant workshop.
C. Ms. Therrien confirmed that the Planning Board is working on a cell tower ordinance over the next four to five months.

D. Ms. Therrien noted that the members of the Board have copies of a May 8th memo from the Cole Land Transportation Museum for their review.

E. Mr. Kitchen informed those present of a safety exposition (Danger Fest) to be held on Saturday, July 28th at UMM.

F. Ms. Therrien informed the members of the Board that the fire department recently burned the pile of debris at the airport.

G. Ms. Therrien informed the Board that Officer Wayne Robbins recently graduated from the police academy.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Bill Kitchen, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.