

BOARD OF SELECTPEOPLE - TOWN OF MACHIAS

AUGUST 25, 2021

A meeting of the Machias Board of Select-people was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairman Paula Johnson- Rolfe. In attendance were Board members James Jackson, Sandra Sinford, and Carol Porcher; Interim Town Manager Bill Kitchen; Secretary Cathy Lord; Mary Angarola, David Clark, Bruce Smith, Carol Christianson.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #14 in the amount of \$11,755.29 and to approve municipal warrant #16 in the amount of \$16,326.05 .

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Carol Porcher, the Board
VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #15 in the amount of \$69,724.22 .

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Carol Porcher, the Board
VOTED:

To approve school warrant #82721 in the amount of \$195,727.39 .

3. BIKE COALITION OF MAINE

Mr. Kitchen noted that the Bike Coalition of Maine is not holding a Bike Maine week this year but is holding a Bike Maine weekend on September 10th, 11th, & 12th in Machias which will be based out of the Lee Pellon Center. Mr. Kitchen noted that the bike coalition is holding an event on 9/11 and 9/12 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and is asking the Board to approve a liquor license to serve beer and wine on the Machias Savings Bank property by the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a liquor license permit for the Bike Coalition of Maine to serve beer and wine on 9/11 and 9/12 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Mr. Smith suggested that Helen's Restaurant be alerted of the scheduling of the event. Mr. Kitchen noted that the public is invited to the meet and greet event; he added that the members of the Board and municipal employees are invited to attend the event.

4. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BLUEBERRY EVENTS

Mr. Kitchen reported the weekend events held on August 21st were very successful. Mr. Jackson added that the dedication of the Hannah Westin trail was also successful. Mr. Kitchen commented that the craft fair was also favorably received. He commented that volunteers had decorated Bad Little Falls Park with lights which added a festive atmosphere.

5. MACHIAS DIKE/MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that the Maine Department of Transportation is holding an event on the dike on 9/14 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (if inclement weather event will be held at the high school) to update the community on plans for the dike reconstruction; he added that the event will take a science fair format and that the MDOT will continue to ask for public comment. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe suggested that the event be advertised on the town's web site. Mr. Kitchen said that he intended to post the event. Mr. Kitchen commented that the MDOT understands the need to preserve and protect the economy and cultural value of the dike area.

6. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OUTREACH

Mr. Kitchen advised that the next meeting of the Machias Comprehensive Planning Committee will be on 9/16 at 2:00 PM at the offices of the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. He reported that the committee is collecting community feedback and is looking for additional volunteers to serve on the committee. Ms. Porcher suggested that information on the committee and its efforts be placed in area newspapers to provide citizens with information.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that three applications for the police chief's position have been received. He reported that he has conducted one interview with another interview scheduled for this week. Mr. Smith noted that he had heard that Machias was being policed by the sheriff's department and he asked if funds were being spent out of the municipal police department's budget? Mr. Kitchen reported that Machias does not pay any additional compensation to the sheriff's department. Ms. Johnson-Rolfe noted that the sheriff's department had not budgeted for this coverage which has taxed the resources of the sheriff's department as their officers are responding to complaints usually handled by the Machias Police Department.

8. TOWN OFFICE TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mr. Kitchen noted that the technology team from Machias Savings Bank visited the town office to assess the town's technology needs and is moving forward with providing its recommendations on the town's needs.

9. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that the Public Works Department has been very busy with activities. He reported that the transfer station supervisor is fitting in very nicely and there is activity on re-evaluating efficiency efforts.

10. CONCERT SERIES

Mr. Kitchen reported that the concert series sponsored by R.H. Foster/Freshies has been going very well. He reported that the 9/2 concert has been re-scheduled for 9/9.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ms. Porcher asked about progress with the downtown beautification committee. Mr. Kitchen noted that the committee has not met since February 2020. Mr. Jackson noted that efforts by this type of committee will be incorporated into the ten year comprehensive plan.

B. Mr. Kitchen reported that Eastern Maine Development Corporation has agreed to the first lien status on the equipment of Bad Little Falls Brewery.

C. Mr Kitchen reported that the mobile home owned by the Town that sits on property at 20 Pleasant Street has been sold to Mr. Gary Huntley for \$300. and that Mr. Huntley has agreed to rescind the bills for lot rental he had sent to the Town.

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board:

VOTED:
To accept \$300. from Mr. Gary Huntley for the purchase of a mobile home sitting on property at 20 Pleasant Street and to release the Town's interest in the mobile home.

Vote On Motion: 4 to 0

On a motion by James Jackson, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.