

Selectman's Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023
5:30 PM
Irving Tanning Community Center

Present: Jerry Martin, John Hikel, Mark Brooks (absent but was on his way/been in meeting with Senator Collins in Kittery, ME on behalf of Town, arrived to sign documents)

Jerry Nominated John to chair the meeting

Motion to accept voted 2-0 accept

Staff: Christopher Littlefield

Guest: Cameron Ferrante representing TDS on Franchise Agreement

Several Citizens

Jerry read the minutes of April 12, 2023 approved with changes added "Novak", "Public Forum", and "Hikel's" voted 2-0 to accept

Unfinished Business:

NONE

New Business:

- Mr. Ferrante explained that because they are adding cable TV to their internet service a separate Franchise Agreement must be signed. John Hikel asked if there could be a dedicated tv channel for the Town? Mr. Ferrante stated yes however the Town would have to manage the station and take care of all programming. Jerry Martin asked if there was any liability for the Town? Mr. Ferrante stated that the Maine Tort's Claim Act protects the town in this situation however if we have concerns, please contact the Town's attorney. Chris Littlefield asked if there is a franchise fee charged who pays that? Mr. Ferrante stated that the customer pays the franchise fees as they are billed as a pass through.
- Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the TDS Franchise Agreement. Voted 2-0 accept
- Motion to accept and sign the Town Warrant for Town Meeting as amended on articles 3, 21, and 26. Voted 2-0 accept

Other:

- Chris reminded everyone of the Public Hearing for the Shoreland Zone Ordinance and the Property Maintenance Ordinance Thursday the 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the ITCC.

Public Forum:

- Karen Towle sent a draft of what she expects for disclosure for the landfill
- Bob Bryant asked how many members are on the budget committee. Chris stated 9.
- Bob Bryant also announced that he was appointed by the Governor on the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.
- Elmer Littlefield expressed that the Historical Society is interested in the Tennis court to put a building on it.

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn at 6:33 pm - voted 2-0 accept

Respectfully Submitted, *Chris Littlefield Town Manager*