

Selectman's Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2023
5:30 PM
Irving Tanning Community Center

Present: Jerry Martin, John Hikel, Mark Brooks

Staff: Christopher Littlefield

Guest: Jon Pottle of Eaton Peabody

John Hikel read the minutes of October 16, 2023, Motion to approve as read voted 3-0 accept.

Unfinished Business:

No Legislative update from Dean Cray this week

Discussed Chris contacting Universities to see if a student could guide us on a Downtown plan

New Business:

Signed Abatement for Eric Wyman house at 50% vs. 100% for valuation

Motion to accept the 2024 insurance premium for POS 200 plan in the amount of \$1183.84 per month per employee that takes insurance as presented voted 3-0 accept

Motion to work with a local contractor who has equipment, experience, and liability insurance to cut route 152 road sides per MDOT request voted 3-0 accept

Other

Shared Notice of Public Information for solar project meeting on November 16, 2023

Discussed St. Albans Summerfest fundraiser....all agree to not participate in this fundraiser, will continue to sponsor the ad book for the Summerfest, and put the fundraiser ad on our website for support.

Need to advertise the November 20, 2023 Selectmen's meeting to be cancelled.

Next meeting will be December 4, 2023

Rod Pease asked that we discuss where we put salt contaminated soils in the downtown area unless we test it. Chris utilizing alternative sites per Selectmen's request.

Motion made for Town Manager to work with the Linkbelt (\$215,000) dealer to acquire a new excavator for the landfill voted 3-0 accept

Public Forum

Karen Towle asked if the Selectmen were going to the mediation on the 27th of November that is a result of the Towle lawsuit?

Jon Pottle the Town's attorney said that customarily the Town Manager and the Town's attorney go to mediation as no decisions can be made without the Selectmen's majority consent which will require a Selectmen's meeting. Karen Towle asked about the Shoreland Zoning.? Kim and Chris have submitted the codified document.

Jim and Karen Towle asked why we continue to spend money helping Bob Bryant?

Jon Pottle stated that he represents the Town not Bob Bryant.

Jim Towle stated that the State ordered Bob Bryant to pull his holding tank.

Jon Pottle respectfully disagreed as all communication was with the Town of Hartland from the State not with Bob Bryant.

Chris stated that the Selectmen and the Town Manager are trying to carry through with the will of the legislative body.

Cindy Hawkins asked if citizens could go to mediation? Jon Pottle stated "no".

Cindy Hawkins stated that she would swear on the bible that one summer Bob Bryant approached her while she was walking with her kids and Bob Bryant called Mr. Littlefield ugly names (that can't be repeated in public and shouldn't be used in front of kids) and she stated that Bob said that Mr. Littlefield wouldn't help him at all with the holding tank.

Margaret Greenberg asked when the parking lot at the ITCC was going to be paved.? Jerry stated that he didn't know as the ITCC is a private 501c3 and we have no authority over the parking lot.

Margaret Greenberg asked if it was customary to pay 100% of a single person's insurance? Chris stated that we have done it for 10 years and it is customary. Jerry noted that in order to retain employees we needed to be supportive with benefits.

Margaret Greenberg to provide data on "Grow Smart Maine"

Motion to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(e) to meet with the Town's attorney to discuss rights and duties of the Selectmen voted 3-0 accept

Motion to go back to Public at 8:30 PM voted 3-0

Jon Pottle and Robin McNeil still present

Motion to accept and sign the Administrative Consent Agreement between the Town of Hartland, Robert Bryant, and Bryant's Brewing LLC. voted 3-0 accept

Motion to adjourn 8:36 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Littlefield

Town Manager