

Town of Kennebunkport
Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 25, 2022
3:00 PM

MINUTES

Selectmen attending: Ed Hutchins, Mike Weston, Allen Daggett, and Jon Dykstra. Absent Sheila Matthews-Bull.

Others attending: Robin Phillips, Melina Anderson, and David James.

1. Call to Order

Selectman Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Approve the July 14, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Weston to approve the July 14, 2022, selectmen meeting minutes. **Voted:** 4-0. **Motion passed.**

3. Public Forum. (This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to address the Board of Selectmen with any issue that is not on the agenda.)

David James stated he wanted to discuss the future of the KRA with the Selectmen, and he may set up individual times.

Melinda Anderson questioned why the meeting wasn't recorded. Ed explained that during the months of July and August, the second meeting is a warrant signing meeting and is not recorded as it is a short meeting. He and the other selectmen reiterated this is normal per their course of business each year.

Robin Phillips asked how she could change the time of year the annual town meeting is held each year. Robin stated that many people couldn't attend a Saturday meeting in mid-June due to work and family commitments as it is a very busy time of year. When she was campaigning for office, many people brought this concern up. Allen stated that other people have complained that during March, they are away in warmer climates and can't vote. The Town Manager explained that the Town Meeting changed with the change in the fiscal year. Originally the Town had a calendar fiscal year, and the meeting was held in March. When the Town changed to a July – June fiscal year, it moved the Town meeting to June. The election process coincides with the State election/ballot and also the School budget validation process.

Melinda agreed that we need more participation, and a budget process in June limits who can attend.

David James questioned whether more people would attend in March versus June. He stated that people come when there is an issue.

The Selectmen stated that if a proposal was brought forward, they would investigate. As a citizen, Robin has the ability to bring a question forward to the voters through the petition process.

4. Discussion of whether to hold a special town meeting or place a question on the November ballot requesting permission for the placement of the Economic Development Administration 20-year mortgage on Cape Porpoise Pier as part of the grant requirements.

Allen stated that we should have a town meeting to explain the question to the people. Jon agreed and stated that due to the use of the word mortgage, people might think we are borrowing funds. David James stated that he supported a town meeting so that people could discuss the particulars of the case. Robin questioned why people couldn't just read the question and learn about it, in order to vote on the November ballot.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Dykstra, to hold a special town meeting on September 22, 2022, at the Village Fire Station at 6 PM. **Voted:** 4-0. **Motion passed.**

5. Other Business.

There was no other business.

6. Approve the July 28, 2022, Treasurer's Warrant.

Motion by Selectman Dykstra, seconded by Selectman Weston to approve the August 25, 2022, Treasurer's Warrant. **Voted:** 4-0. **Motion passed.**

7. Adjournment.

Motion by Selectman Weston seconded by Selectman Dykstra to adjourn. **Voted:** 4-0. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Laurie Smith,
Town Manager