

Town of Kennebunkport
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 28, 2023
6:00 PM
Village Fire Station (32 North Street)

MINUTES

Selectmen attending: Mike Weston, Sheila Matthews-Bull, Allen Daggett, Jon Dykstra, Marybeth Gilbert.

1. Call To Order.

Chairman Weston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. NOT ON THE AGENDA ANYMORE: Executive session per (MRSA 1, §405-6A) for discussion regarding personnel.

3. Approve the December 14, 2023, selectmen meeting minutes.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes. **Voted:** 5-0. **Motion passed.**

4. 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.)

No one in the Community Room nor attending via Zoom came forward to address the Board.

No motion was necessary. No motion was taken.

5. Authorize the Town Manager to execute an agreement with the owners of 76 Pier Rd.

Laurie Smith, Town Manager, explained that the agreement between the Werners and the Town had been worked out over the past several months relating to their private sea wall as abutters to the causeway project. The agreement would allow the project to proceed and address the Werners' concerns.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Dykstra, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement. **Voted:** 5-0. **Motion passed.**

6. Consider the appointment of candidates to the Town Hall Building Committee.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Dykstra, to accept the duties and responsibilities of the Town Hall Building Committee **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

Chairman Weston informed everyone that after the new Town Hall building proposal was voted down, the committee composition would be changed to include more community members. A number of qualified candidates volunteered: William Lord, Robert Wester, James Stockman, George Bentley, Allan Evelyn, Andrew Welch, Kevin McDonnell, Susan Kaagan, Robin Phillips, John Ware, David Broden, Tim Pattison, and Conor Hesketh (a Kennebunk resident). Several of the members of the first committee are no longer serving, and we are seeking to add four new members to the committee. This will bring the total committee size to thirteen. Selectman Gilbert added that she and Chairman Weston went through the list of candidates in an attempt to add diversity of viewpoints and residents in different areas of town to the committee.

Chairman Weston announced that the four applicants selected were Allan Evelyn, Kevin McDonnell, John Ware, and Tim Pattison. Should any member of the committee be unable to serve, a replacement would be selected from the pool of candidates who volunteered this time.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to appoint Allan Evelyn, Kevin McDonnell, John Ware, and Tim Pattison to the Town Hall Building Committee. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

7. Appoint Jane Evelyn to the Growth Planning Committee with an expiration date of June 2026.

Motion by Selectman Matthews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Daggett, to appoint Jane Evelyn to the Growth Planning Committee with an expiration date of June 2026. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

8. Appoint Anita Carroll to the Kennebunk River Committee with an expiration date of June 2026.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert, seconded by Selectman Dykstra, to appoint Anita Carroll to the Kennebunk River Committee with an expiration date of June 2026. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

9. Accept donations:

- a. **\$50.00 from Madonna Chapter 144, O.E.S., towards the emergency food fund;**
- b. **\$50.00 from an anonymous donor towards the general nurses' account;**
- c. **\$200.00 from an anonymous donor towards the emergency fuel fund;**

- d. **\$1,000.00 from an anonymous towards the emergency fuel fund;**
- e. **\$2,000.00 from The William J.J. Gordon Family Foundation towards food and fuel assistance (\$1,000.00 towards fuel and \$1,000.00 towards food).**

Motion by Selectman Dykstra, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to gratefully accept these donations. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

10. Other Business.

Selectman Gilbert informed the group that while she was designated to be an alternate to Selectman Daggett on the Kennebunkport Emergency Medical Services (KEMS) Board, in their last meeting, they graciously voted to make her a full-fledged member of that board. She also made the Select Board aware that the Growth Planning Committee (GPC), to which she is designated, will be meeting regularly in January and February regarding LD 2003. She expects that the Select Board will be receiving input from the GPC in February and March.

Chairman Weston read a statement praising Laurie Smith, Town Manager, detailing her professional & personal challenges and accomplishments during the year, and thanking her for a job well done.

Motion by Selectman Daggett, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to give Laurie Smith a well-deserved \$10,000 bonus for the year, paid by the Selectmens' Contingency Fund. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

Laurie expressed her thanks to the Board for all of their efforts during the year.

11. Approve the December 28, 2023, Treasurer's Warrant.

Motion by Selectman Mathews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Daggett, to approve the December 28, 2023, Treasurer's Warrant. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Selectman Mathews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Gilbert, to adjourn. **Voted: 5-0. Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Submitted by,
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Technology Specialist