

Select Board & Assessors Meeting- Minutes

January 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Community Room, 86 River Rd.

Present: Board Members- Joel Lind, Tor Glendinning, Rob Nelson, Karen Paz, and David Levesque. Staff Members- Sarah Macy-Town Manager, Peter Drum-Town Attorney. Minutes transcribed by Michelle Cameron-Town Clerk

1. Call to Order: Lind called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Amendments to the Agenda (Pending Approval): NONE

4. Minutes

4.1 December 13th: **On motion Nelson/Glendinning moved to approve the December 13 meeting minutes. Vote 5-0**

4.2 December 28th: **On motion Nelson/Glendinning moved to approve the December 28 meeting minutes. Vote 5-0**

5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda: The Board requests that public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per subject.

Lind spoke about the passing of Ken Vinal, the town's Code Enforcement Officer. He was a valued employee and will be missed greatly.

6. Select Board Future Agenda Items: NONE

7. New Business

7.1 Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update-Sandy Gilbreath-Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission: Gilbreath stated the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years and is a county-based program that FEMA requires if you want to apply for certain funding. The plan does an extensive risk assessment of natural hazards that affect the jurisdiction. In Lincoln County those natural hazards were things like flooding, storms, wildfire, drought, and this year the pandemic. If the Board adopts the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the town can apply for funding for projects. The plan can be amended as needed. There was further discussion about the plan and types of projects that could be included. **On motion Paz/Nelson moved to accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Vote 5-0**

7.2 Establish Voting Date For "Fire Protection Ordinance" by Citizens Petition: Lind reviewed the steps set out in Maine Statute for receiving a citizen petition and what is action is required of the Select Board. Discussion ensued on public hearings and the statutory petition process. Drum addressed questions regarding legal issues that may come up when looking at certified citizen petitions. **On motion Glendinning/Nelson moved to place the "Fire Protection Ordinance" by Citizens Petition on the annual town meeting ballot which will be held on June 14, 2022. Vote 5-0**

7.3 New Hope for Women Request for \$330: Macy stated that the New Hope for Women is now named New Hope Midcoast. Historically this agency has requested a budget allocation for \$830. They made a mistake in their budget request this year, so the budget amount approved was only \$500. New Hope Midcoast is asking for \$330 to bring them up to what they ask for historically. **On motion Paz/Nelson moved to approve the request for an additional \$330 from New Hope Midcoast. Vote 5-0**

7.4 Approval of Remote Meeting Policy: Macy stated that the draft policy has been reviewed by the town attorney. Discussion ensued regarding amendments and defining the purpose of the draft policy. **On motion Glendinning/Nelson moved to approve the Newcastle Remote Meeting Policy as presented and amended to strike item C. Vote 5-0**

8. Fiscal Warrants

8.1 Town Warrant- \$21,607.61: **On motion Nelson/Paz moved to approve the town warrant for \$21,607.61. Vote 5-0**

9. Adjournment: On motion Paz/Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm

Upcoming Events

January 17th - Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Select Board – Monday, January 24- Fire Station Community Room - 86 River Rd.