

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2023

6:30PM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Angelo Terreri and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub and Lisa Bennett. Absent: Kurt Youland. Guest: Brent Fanjoy, Jeff Gondeck, Pete Gilbert and Colby Gilbert:
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Leavitt Institute Building Elevator/Lift as 4-10.
- 3. Liquor License Renewal – Terry & Maxine’s:** **3-1: Review of Renewal Application:** No incidents to report on, so no public hearing needed. **3-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.
- 4. Marijuana Business License Applications:** **4-1: Cworx & Co – application to renew Medical Marijuana Retail Store and Cultivation Facility Licenses:** Cworx & Co is presently closed as part of their transition from a Medical Marijuana retail store and cultivation facility to an Adult Use retail store and cultivation facility. Unfortunately, their local license expired in March, so they need to apply for reinstatement of their local Medical license, after which they become eligible for conversion to Adult Use. So, the order here is to hold a public hearing and take action on the Medical License, then hold a public hearing and take action on the Adult Use License. **4-2: Public Hearing for Medical Marijuana Retail Store & Cultivation Facility:** Opened Public Hearing: no comments, closed Public Hearing. **4-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **4-4: Cworx & Co – Application to Convert to Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store and Cultivation Facility:** **4-5: Public Hearing:** Opened Public Hearing, no comments, closed Public Hearing. **4-6: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve the license to convert to Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store and Cultivation, unanimous vote. **4-7: Vacationland Cannabis Company – Application to renew Medical Marijuana Retail Store License:** Application is for renewal of the operating license for their Medical Marijuana Retail Store, no reasons not to issue the license. **4-8: Public Hearing:** Opened Public Hearing, no comments, closed Public Hearing. **4-9: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **4-10: Leavitt Institute Building Elevator/Lift:** The Lift is about 30 years old and has been having some issues, Kurt Schaub has set up an appointment for someone to look at it and it may be the same price to fix as getting a new one. Kurt will have more information after the inspection. The Library is concerned that they have a speaker coming in July who would need to access the Lift.
- 5. Old Business:** **5-1: Century Boxes – Historical Association:** There was great interest in the boxes at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July display. Kurt Schaub will reach out to Nat Pilsbury about contacting Randy Langley in reference to building the new century box. **5-2: Transfer Station Project:** This has been turned over to Kent Harrington and we anticipate work

will begin soon. Have contacted Central Maine Power to see if they will waive the \$5,800 fee to relocate the pole currently in the middle of the work area.

- 6. New Business: 6-1: Roadside Mowing Bid Draft:** Motion and second to approve to send out bid as presented, unanimous vote. **6-2: Pole Permit-Snell Hill Road:** Motion and second to approve pole permit, unanimous vote. **6-3: Excavator Specification/Bid Draft:** The specifications were assembled by Kent Harrington and Kurt Schaub based on quotes Kent had received earlier this year. Motion and second to send out bid as presented. **6-4: Little League Finals:** Resident Donny Hinkley has requested a contribution to support the cost of getting his little league ball team to the New England finals. They have requested \$1,000 from each town, plus have asked for donations from local businesses. No action due to lack of a motion.
- 7. Regular Reports: 7-1: Fire/Rescue Department:** Did very well at Ricker's during the Fireworks, sold out of everything. Terry and Maxine's donated the burgers and tin foil to wrap them in, Pepsi donated the soda and the rolls were also donated by Lepage Bakery. Total Rescue calls for the month of June were 96 bringing the total calls for the year up to 651, up 50 calls from last year. Total Fire calls for June were 30 calls bringing the total calls to 214 for the year. Had 8 firefighters go through the EVOC course which is a certified course to drive fire trucks. Will have 10 firefighters taking the Basic Fire School course, after completion will have around 98-99% SCBA qualified, this is huge for the department. **7-2: Town Manager Report: 7-2a: Financial Statements:** June 30 financial statements provided to the board for review. The statements reflect all activity known to date, though it will be the end of the month before all bills are paid and all revenues are recorded. **7-2b: May 1<sup>st</sup> Storm –FEMA:** Received work last week that Androscoggin County did not meet the damage threshold required for a disaster declaration and funding assistance for repairs. Most town-wide damage locations have been repaired, but there is still paving and other repairs to consider on Orchard Way. **7-2c: Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization Program:** One of the final efforts on the legislature has been to fix the potentially problematic tax freeze program for senior citizens. Though the program will be effect through the coming property tax billing cycle, it will be repealed and replaced with another program that provides a greater exemption amount that will be available based on homeowner income. Under the freeze program, the state is to make up the difference between the billed amount and the amount that would be billed without freeze. This liability is likely to increase each year, is highly unpredictable and concerns have been expressed about its sustainability. **7-2d: Humane Society Contract:** Annual contract provided to the board for review. The amount is consistent with the budget adopted in April. By law, towns are required to have a qualified kennel designated for stray animals picked up by the Animal Control Officer. Motion and second to accept contract, unanimous vote.
- 8. Consent Agenda – Abatement:** The abatement is for taxes assessed on a mobile home that was moved out of Turner in 2021 and should have been included on the tax rolls. Motion and second to approve abatement and consent agenda, unanimous vote.

- 9. Executive Session – Legal – Contractual Matter – pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E):**  
Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 7:30pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:35pm, unanimous vote.
- 10. Adjournment:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:35pm, unanimous vote.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM**