

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2023
6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order by Kurt Youland at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub. Guest: Brent Dan
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Backpack program as item 6-4.
3. **Junkyard Permits – This and That Auto, David Richardson (2):** **3-1: Review application for This and That Auto:** Been inspected and conditions are good. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Opened and closed Public Hearing no discussions from public. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-1: Review Application for David Richardson location 1630A Auburn Rd.** Been inspected and conditions are good. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Open and closed Public Hearing no discussions from public. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-1: Review Application for David Richardson location 140 Harlow Hill Rd.** Been inspected and conditions are good. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Open and closed public hearing, no discussions from public. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.
4. **New Business: 4-1: Abatements – Brent Dan:** Brent submitted his application in for a Homestead Exemption on his property on Boulder Ridge that should have gone into effect with the FY 2019 billing. The town has the form in our files, but it never actually got put on his account. Brent states that this was a clerical error and that he is aware some of this falls on him for not catching this early but with escrow payments, it put the tax bill out of sight. The explanation of abatements states can only go back three years due to an evaluation error, but this was a clerical error and would like to request to be reimbursed for the full 7 years that the homestead was not on his account, which would amount to approximately \$2,100. Motion and second to reimburse Brent for the full 7 years as this was a clerical error, unanimous vote. **4-2: Liquor License Application:** Antigoni's has been sold back to the original owners and they have submitted an application for a license to serve beer and wine, as before. **4-2a: Review Application:** No issues relative to this or any of their locations. **4-2b: Public Hearing:** Opened and closed public hearing with no public discussions. **4-2c: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **4-3: Medical Marijuana Retail Store Business License – Curate Cannabis:** **4-3a: Review Application:** This application is a renewal, the criminal background checks and inspection are clear, and there have been no issues at this location. **4-3b: Public Hearing:** Opened and closed public hearing, no public discussion. **4-4c: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.

5. **Old Business: 5-1: Century Boxes/Memorial Fund:** Steve wanted to pass on a message from Jenny thanking everyone for their help and support.
6. **Regular Reports: 6-1: Highway Manager:** Report looked good. The department is looking to buy a pressure washer with built in water heater, as there is broken. Estimate to fix current unit is \$2500 to \$3,000 sight unseen., but \$275 cost to get company on site to evaluate. The current motor and framework are good – it's burner and coil that are the issue. Have two quotes so far for a new one: one for \$8,970.33 and the other for \$8,450. The board requests that the old unit be looked at before any decision is made, will be revisited after the unit is looked at. **6-2: Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Report looked good. **6-3: Town Manager: 6-3a:** Lights will be going on the tree this weekend. Smitty's Tree Service is going to be putting them on with a lift from T-Buck. The usual sponsors have been lined up, and Santa is due to arrive at around 6:30 on Tuesday, December 5th. **6-3b:** Town Manager, Kurt Schaub shared an email from Sally Christner relative to the final outcome of this year's county budget. The Board has asked Kurt Schaub to draft a letter to surrounding towns to inform them that the Town of Turner is not asking for this and bring it back to the next meeting for review. **6-3c: Pole Permits:** Three separate poll permit applications- two for East Hebron Road and one for Lower Street. Kent Harrington has reviewed the locations and does not have any concerns. Motion and second to approve all the pole permits, unanimous vote. **6-4: Backpack Program:** Kevin Nichols was asked to bring this to the board, that this program is looking for a place to store the items that would be going in the backpacks. After some discussion the board decided to continue this discussion until more information is obtained.
7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, 4 in favor, Angelo Terrieri abstained.
8. **Executive Session – Legal – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405(6) (A) – Enforcement Action:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 7:30pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:56pm.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire