

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Present: J. Ricker, K. Rush, B. Clarke, G. Demos, A. Russell, D. Berry via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 01-19-22

Motion to approve minutes by G. Demos, seconded by A. Russell. All in favor, motion carries.

- b. Communications

1. CMP Bill Discussion:

Mr. Ricker pointed out that electrical costs have tripled for Public Safety bldg, NCC and Transfer station bldg. The town budget will be significantly over-drafted due to this increase across the board. He will supply a spreadsheet at the next Board meeting for review.

2. Manage reports letter of intent to Route 7 marijuana grow operation. Owner has been served several times to install a charcoal filter system. State may become involved to revoke permit if necessary.

3. Next Board meeting will be held on schedule on 2/16 and will not be postponed as previously discussed.

4. Ice Rink

Town manager said rink is all cleaned and ready for use.

5. Charging Stations @ Hannaford

Tesla notified the Town manager that they would be installing 8 level 3 charging stations in the Hannaford parking lot just West of the Clink depository. These stations will only service Tesla automobiles. The cost will be covered totally by Tesla.

3. Efficiency of Maine replacement lamp program

Mr. Ricker gave costs of bulbs \$.25 per 2ft, \$. 50 per 4ft, \$.75 per U-bend LED lights. He's planning on stocking up on future lighting at these costs.

4. Spectrum Cable / Franchise Agreement

Mr. Ricker stated that this TV agreement has been outstanding for approximately 8 years. They show the town is fully connected but Mr. Ricker knows there are clearly deficiencies that they need to correct.

4. Old Business

a. Bid opening regarding 7 Adams Street (Tax Acquired)

Bids were opened by Town Manager, J. Ricker and recorded by Town Clerk, K. Harris. ( Bid tab attached).

5. New Business

a. Public Hearing Re: Remote Meeting Participation Policy

Motion to accept policy as written by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Russell. Unanimous, motion carries.

b. Request to purchase new down-town signage

Mr. Ricker is still awaiting pricing and will push this to the next Board meeting. He will present costs at that time.

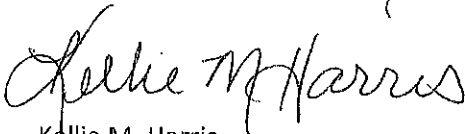
6. Warrant

Motion to approve the warrant by G. Demos, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor except D. Berry who abstained due to not being physically present and unable to view warrant, motion carries.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos. Unanimous, motion carries

Respectfully submitted,



Kellie M. Harris  
Town Clerk

2022 Tax-Acquired Property Bid Opening Tab

February 2, 2022 6:37 p.m.

Bids were received for the following:

7 Adams Street                      Map 015 Lot 065      Minimum Bid \$ 7,200.00

Bids received from:

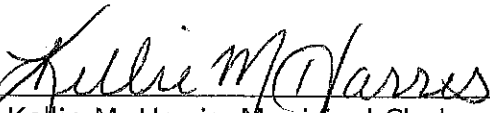
1	Robert Berg	Corinna, ME	\$ 30,000	Deposit Received
2	Harry Fleming	5 Adams St. Newport, ME	\$ 25,000	Deposit Received
3	Jed Groettum	11 Adams St. Newport, ME	\$ 20,100	Deposit Received
4	Michelle Hopkins	25 West St. Newport, ME	\$ 16,039.19	Deposit Received
5	Matthew Thibodeau	844 Stetson Rd Exeter, ME	\$ 15,501	Deposit Received
6	Kevin Heath	10 St. Francis St. Dexter, ME	\$ 11,000	Deposit Received
7	William Fickett	109 Oliver Hill Rd Garland, ME	\$ 10,500	Deposit Received

Bids were opened by James Ricker Sr, Town Manager and recorded by Kellie M. Harris, Town Clerk.

Bid details are attached.

Attest, a true copy.

Before me:

  
Kellie M. Harris, Municipal Clerk