## **Town of Machiasport**

## **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

## August 17, 2020

- 1. Call to Order: Brian Smith called meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
- 2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting: Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Adjustments to Agenda: NONE

## 4. Old Business:

- A. Gator Road / Contract with Vertical Bridge: Chad Hebert, representative of Vertical Bridge explained contract requesting Vertical Bridge be given permission to represent the Town of Machiasport with the US Dept. of Interior with respect to Gator Road property. The language in the original contract does not adequately cover the scope of "telecommunications" and needs to be updated for current business practices.
  Mike Hinerman motioned authorization be signed and copy of the new deed forwarded to the Town for its records and giving Brian Smith sole authority to sign on behalf of the Town. Jeff Davis seconded motion. All in favor, motion carried. Selectmen signed document and returned to Mr. Hebert.
- B. Junkyard Application: Clerk explained confusion from prior meeting as to whether or not the Selectboard approved the proposed application. Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Jeff Davis to approve the proposed Junkyard Application. All in favor, motion carried. Mike Hinerman noted Jim Bradley has checked on the process of fencing by Mark Moore and Reports Mr. Moore is very receptive to any guidance the Town can provide to bring him into compliance. Selectmen further discussed ways in which the Town can assist small businesses that need to be brought into compliance with regulations.
- **C. Loader:** Clerk advised difficulty in obtaining responses from vendors and Selectmen Requested research continue and table for next meeting.
- D. Job Descriptions: Selectmen reviewed several job descriptions and agreed on re-wording in several instances. Clerk to update documents and present for signatures. Selectmen requested Clerk contact CEO and Road Commissioner and have them attend next Selectmen's meeting. Jeff Davis advised he will provide Pete Sprague with a digital phone for the purposes of taking pictures for files.
- **E. Marion Transfer Billing:** The first bill having arrived since the discussion regarding MTS Billing practices, Clerk inquired if the Town intended to invoice residents operating outside New guidelines. Selectmen instructed Clerk NOT to invoice residents but to "keep an eye" on future invoices with the intent of addressing at next year's Annual Town Meeting.
- **F. Sanborn Cove TA property bid:** Selectmen determined this topic would be covered in Executive Session.
- **G. Beach Road:** Clerk advised of on-going complaints on the condition of Beach Road. After some discussion, Selectmen determined Jeff Davis will move rocks back into position

and install "No Parking" signs upon arrival.

- 5. New Business: NONE
- **6. Public Comments: Joyce Smith** stated her feeling that the Town was "dumbing-down" the Job descriptions discussed earlier. Selectmen responded with their reasoning behind altering the descriptions.
- 7. Selectmen's Report: Brian Smith and Mike Hinerman attended the "tour" of DCF. They were Advised that completion of the project is slated for fall of 2021. Discussion ensued about Machias Sewer Discharge and its effect on clamming. Clerk will draft letter similar to that sent years ago to be sent to Governor Mills, DEP and DMR.
- 8. Clerk / Treasurer's Report: Included in Binder
- 9. Tax Collector's Report: NONE
- 10. Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(c) 7:41 PM Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to enter Executive Session to discuss a property issue. 7:58 PM Jeff Davis seconded Motion of Mike Hinerman to return from Executive Session. Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to list property as discussed in Executive Session with Brian Smith providing photos and keeping the amount of the reserve price confidential. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Adjourn: Mike Hinerman seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned 7:59 PM.

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Jeffrey Davis

Michael Hinerman

Agenda, Attendance, Vertical Bridge contract