

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
April 10, 2019

Chairman: Mark Humphreys
Vice Chairman: Shelly Patten
Selectman: Zak Hollingshead

Town Administrator: Barbara Ashe
Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge

Present: Amy Eldridge, Barbara Ashe, Vicki Eugley, Shelly Patten, Zak Hollingshead, Mark Humphreys, Vicky Matthews, Gordon Fuller, Bill Paige, Drew Strout from Point Lookout, Josh Wellman from DM&J, Steve Vondell, Shelley Fein, Steven Fein, Amon Morse was excused.

Hearing: Mark H. entered into the hearing for Point Lookout Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit at 6:07 pm. Barbara A. previously reviewed the application and permits for Point Lookout and provided the selectman with any changes. Mark H. asked the board and attendees for any questions. Drew S. provided upcoming event information for Point Lookout as well he informed the board that Olympia Company is the management company for Point Lookout. The board reviewed and signed the liquor license application. Barbara A. also provided the Special Amusement Permit to the board for review and approval. Steve Vondell commented that when there are events happening at Point Lookout as well as Mount and Sea Lodge, the music is amplified up on the hill. Barbara A. informed Steve V. that the town does not have a noise ordinance but the Town of Northport abides by the State of Maine noise laws. Drew S. advised Steve V. that Point Lookout would make a point to take measures to decrease the noise. The hearing was closed at 6:15 pm.

Bids: Barbara A. provided to the board the bids for MSW and Recyclables. Pine Tree Waste Inc., DM&J, Coastal Recycling/FiberRight, and Ecomaine all provided bids. The board reviewed the MSW bids first of which Vicki E advised the board that the Town of Northport paid \$51,406.00 to Pine Tree last year for MSW and recyclables. Shelley Fein commented that purchasing front loading dumpsters for the town would be a long term investment for the town and would Pine Tree do a 2 year contract instead of one. Barbara A. replied that she felt that Pine Tree would be okay with a 2 year contract. The board agreed that for now they would accept the bid of Pine Tree for MSW and then the board would do their due diligence to figure out a better option for the Town in the next 2 years. Shelley Fein commented that she would like the board to consider Fiberright for the long run. The board felt that Fiberright had too many unknowns and with the long term contract of 5 years, they felt uncomfortable not having more concrete information. **Zak H. motioned to accept the bid from Pine tree for MSW. Shelly P seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.**

Recycling: Barbara A. provided the results of the bids to the board for review. Josh Wellman from DM&J advised the board that they would haul the recycling from the Town of Northport to DM&J transfer station in Winterport of which DM&J would then transport it down to Ecomaine. He also answered many questions from the board and attendees about recycling. Ecomaine charges a \$65.00

tipping fee but they do have different programs for revenue and cost sharing. Ecomaine performs reviews every month or annually to determine profit sharing if any that would be shared with the Town of Northport. Josh W. from DM&J advised the town that he has a contract with Ecomaine to haul recycling to Ecomaine. DM&J has a rental fee of \$90.00 a month for a 30 cubic yard single sort container. Vicki E. informed the board that the current dumpsters at the Transfer Station are 20 cubic yard dumpsters not 30 cubic yard dumpsters. The Town of Northport has 20 cubic yard dumpster because the towns people had a hard time getting the trash into a 30 cubic yard dumpster. After much discussion and calculating Zak H. commented that if we get a bigger container and get rid of the middle man it would reduce the cost enough so the town could go with DM&J for the recycling bid and Pine tree for the MSW. Shelley P. was inclined to continue with recycling. **Mark H. motioned to accept the bid of DM&J for the recycling bid. Shelley P. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.** Bill Paige from the village asked if anything would change for recycling. Josh W. advised Bill P. that the village would not have to change anything.

NVC: Vicki Matthews provided the board with an explanation of why the \$25,000.00 is provided to the village each year. Amy E. was provided a copy of the explanation to keep on file for the future.

Bill Paige, as a concerned citizen of the village, provided the board with information about an Adhoc Committee that is trying to resolve issues of overcrowding at the boat float in the village. As a participant of the committee he would like to ask the town about the boat float that is not being utilized at Saturday Cove. He provided the board with different options that the committee had discussed and asked the board for feedback that he would be able to take back and provide to the committee. Gordon Fuller provided feedback to Mark H. about the current floats down at Saturday Cove. Gordon F. mentioned that there have been no complaints about having one float at the end of the pier. Steven Fein also provided his knowledge of the situation and his recommendations.

The committee group advised the Town of Northport that the Village would take on the responsibility of transporting the float in Saturday Cove to the village if the town accepted the committees request. The committee also would accept the float as is and would meet the needs of the village. **Mark H. motioned to give the Village the float down in Saturday Cove that the Town of Northport is not using. Shelley P. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.**

Bill P. provided the board an overview of what is happening in the village and any road projects occurring with Amon M. He asked the board if they had approved digging up the road to the property owners of 1348 Atlantic Highway. Barbara A. informed Bill P. that they will be able to complete their request to tie into the water line across the street this summer.

Road Commissioner: Barbara A. informed the board that she had spoken to Amon M. and there were no new updates at this time.

Town Administrator: Barbara A. reported that Bill Kelly has looked over the ordinances and did not see much that he needed to change. The hearing is set for May 14th for the Special Amusement Ordinance, Harbor Ordinance and the Administrative Ordinance. For the Special Amusement Ordinance the biggest change is the classes and on the actual permit you have to say what is allowed.

Barbara A. also received a letter from the Maine DOT informing the town that Hagar Enterprises, Inc., has been awarded the contract for the work that would be completed this summer on Atlantic Highway.

Barbara A. reported that she received a letter from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife notifying the town that Knights Pond has been identified as a location of a (n) Scarlett Bluet. The Scarlett Bluet is a species of damselfly which is on the Special Concern list in Maine. They are not on the endangered list yet but Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is asking that the town consults with the regional wildlife biologist for potential conservation recommendations prior to undertaking certain intensive development or disturbance at Knights Pond

Minutes: 3-25-2019: Amy E. previously distributed meeting minutes for 03-25-19 to the selectmen. Upon the review **Mark H. moved to approve the minutes as amended. Shelly P. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.**

Nordic: Barbara A. received a letter today from The Bureau of Parks and Lands, within the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The town was being advised of a revision on the application from Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. to install intake and outflow pipes on submerged lands. This gives the town the ability to comment on the revision of the intake and outflow pipes installation.

Finance Director: Vicki E. provided the warrants to the board for review and signature. Vicki E. informed the board that the town would like to submit a credit application for Aubuchon Hardware. **Mark H. moved that the town completes a credit application with Aubuchon. Zak H. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.** Vicki E. then informed the board that it would cost \$2,300.00 to upgrade the website and then it would cost the same amount as last year for Sephone to be the host of the website. Vicki E. also provided an update on how much it would cost for 3 laptops from Archangel with software in the amount of \$1,350.00. Vicki E. also informed that board that the cost for Wi-Fi per selectmen is still unknown at this time. **Zak H. motioned to purchase the 3 laptops from Archangel in the amount of \$1,350.00 from the Office Operation account that has been appropriated. Shelley P. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.** Vicki E. provided to the board an explanation why the town's County Tax Assessment had increased. The State valuation for the Town of Northport had increased by 22 million for 2019. Barbara A. recommends speaking to Steven Sally whom is the state assessor about the large increase.

Vicky E. spoke with Hank Lang today which informed her that the First Responders have found an Automated external defibrillator for \$1,830.50. The board agreed that Vicky E. should advise Hank L. to proceed forward and purchase the Automated external defibrillator. Vicki E. advised the board that due to a recent review of vacation time for full time employees she determined that the vacation policy needed to be updated. Vicki E. revised the employee position that provided hours of vacation time for full time hourly employees. She mentioned that they added it to the full time group.

Executive Session: The board began the executive session at 8:18 pm and ended at 8:30 pm.

Adjourn: Shelly P. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Zak H. seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.