

ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS

St. George Town Office

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2021 – 7 p.m.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present: Tim Polky, Terri-Lynn Baines, Loreen Meyer, and Greg Soutiea.

PUBLIC HEARING: Liquor License - The Craignair Inn by the Sea, d/b/a The Causeway
Chair Bates opened the Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

Loreen Meyer: The Craignair is a great operation. They do a lot for the town and I support the owners being able to adjust their business so they can continue to stay in town (St. George).

There were no other comments. Chair Bates declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda: None.

- Minutes: The minutes of December 14, 2020 were corrected as follows:

Page 1, under Tilson Proposal, paragraph 4, line 2, change to read: ... interested in being **what they would categorize as** a landowner.

Page 2, 1st paragraph, line 5, add an s to: members

Page 2, 3rd complete paragraph, line 3, correct you're to **your**

A motion was made by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Sawyer, to approve the December 14, 2020, minutes, as corrected. The vote was 5-0. Motion carried.

- Minutes of November 30, 2020 - A correction is noted to the 11/30/2020 Select Board minutes on page 3, paragraph 5, line 6: delete wording Conservation Commission (CC) and replace with Georges River Land Trust. The sentence should read: Chase planned to go to the GRLT Board to see if they could support this project with a donation and the **Georges River Land Trust** was going to look at some funds they had left over from other projects.

- Communications:

- A letter from the President of Maine Coast Heritage Trust to Tim Polky on behalf of the Town, thanking the Town for its support.
- A copy of Sandra Mason Dickson's recent publication, "The Solar Path: A Photovoltaic Primer."
- A Christmas card from Pauline Dennison.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of January 4, 2021, was reviewed. The total expenses were \$106,618.04 and included a payment of \$3,337.50 to Harris Computer for a software

license which enables taxpayers to pay real estate payments online; this payment included the interface PayforMe, a payment of \$2,476.00 to Performance Paving for paving work done on Horse Point Road and at the Tenants Harbor boat ramp, a payment of \$2,695.00 to J.K. Kalloch for debris pickup, a payment of \$4,390.34 (2 bills) to Harcros Chemicals for rock salt, and other regular expenses.

Chair Bates asked about a payment of \$4,702.00 to the St. George Ambulance Association. Baines stated it was the FEMA reimbursement from the FEMA grant.

Selectperson Willey asked about the payment of \$1,699.95 to Warren True Value listed under Property Management. Polky stated the purchase was for a snowblower as the one the town had for quite a few years, died. Willey asked if this would be used to clear the sidewalks. Polky stated absolutely. He explained that a lot of people do go out and walk and there have been some complaints about the sidewalks, so they thought they would try to clear them. He thought it appeared to be working out.

Baines stated that the warrant and other forms and documents would now be signed electronically. She explained the process and said she would send the document(s) out via email. Baines said to call her if members had questions or issues regarding the process.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Tim Polky reported on the following:

Budget for FY'2021-2022. The Administration has been working on the town budget to present to the Select Board. The plan is to have it done and ready by the end of January.

10 Cold Storage Road. There was a small washout at 10 CSR up against the concrete wharf. Polky planned to get J.K. Kalloch to put some heavy grout there to stop it from washing out.

Re-Application for 10 Cold Storage Road (CSR). Noel Musson is redoing the application so it can be resubmitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Alan Brigham is the contact person and has been away but returning this week. Polky will keep the Select Board updated on this issue.

Tree Removal at Transfer Station Behind Salt Shed. Polky had Steve Jarrett cut down some trees behind the salt shed. He said they had been dumping ditching fill and leveling it off but had to remove some trees to continue leveling out the fill. Polky stated the spruce trees that were taken down would be cut up and used to build a frame to cover the salt pile. (Currently, a tarp is being used.)

Brush Pile at Transfer Station. Polky said there is a very large brush pile at the transfer station, and he talked with Tom Cushman about removing it. (Cushman grinds up the town's brush about once a year.) Polky said they are running out of room in that area of the Transfer Station and he is hoping they can get rid of the brush within the next couple of weeks.

Fire Station Training Building on Rt. 73. Polky thought the last large pour of concrete needed for the ceiling and second story would be done on Tuesday, January 5th. After that, a couple of

small pours of concrete would need to be done. Polky thought the project was pretty much on schedule.

Subdivisions and Tax Acquired Properties. The Administration had been working with attorneys on subdivision and tax acquired property issues, and Polky said he would update the Select Board as more information became available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fort Point Trail and Site Project Ad hoc Committee: Selectperson Hall stated the ad hoc committee discussed a number of issues and sorted out their approach on some items, but there were a few issues to be resolved. The ad hoc committee would be meeting on January 7, 2021. The committee plans to complete a report and present it to the Select Board on Monday, January 11, 2021.

- Planning Board: Chair Bates reported the Planning Board met on December 22, 2021, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

- The application to carry out house renovations at 186 States Point Road was accepted as complete and the project was approved.
- The application to install a pier, a seasonal ramp and float at 6 Hupper Island was reviewed; an onsite visit will be scheduled, with logistics be worked out by the CEO and the Harbor Master.

- Shellfish Committee: Selectperson Sawyer reported a regular meeting of the committee was held with no issues brought forward at that time.

- Conservation Commission: Selectperson Willey reported the Conservation Commission would meet on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

- Cemetery Committee: Selectperson Hall asked Town Manager Polky if he or Falla had contacted attorneys and was there anything to report. Polky said they had not yet heard back from the attorneys.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Liquor License Application for the Causeway: Chair Bates stated there were no issues that arose in the public hearing.

A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, to approve the liquor license for the Craignair Inn by the Sea, d/b/a The Causeway. The vote was 5-0. The motion carried.

- Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County Contract: Chair Bates said this agreement is between the town of St. George and the Pope Memorial Humane Society and ensures the town has a place for the Animal Control Officer to take stray animals. Polky stated that by law the

town must have a place to deposit animals. Polky also noted that a lot of people besides the Animal Control Officer drop animals off at the Pope Humane Society.

A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Willey to approve the contract between the Town of St. George and the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County (PMHS-KC). The vote was 5-0. The motion passed.

The Select Board will sign the liquor license and the PMHS-KC contract electronically.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Present: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, Tammy Willey, and Tim Polky.

At 7:30 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. The Select Board came out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Sawyer, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson
Select Board Recording Secretary