

Selectboard Meeting
Thursday August 29, 2019
Public Hearing 6:30PM
Regular Meeting to follow
Chelsea Town Office

Public Hearing – 6:34PM

Medical Marijuana Retail Licensing Ordinance

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson, Benjamin Smith and Michael Pushard

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton, Jarrod Pinkham, Richard Cote, Sara Goodridge, Matt Tulley, Bobby Miller, Jeremy Turner, Robert Russo, Ben Godsoe, Carol Belanger, Henry Truman, Sheri Truman, Theresa Kerchner, Molly Alexander, Alec Giffen and Jim Lothridge

Bobby Miller was in attendance to gather information

Sheri Truman stated that she was in favor of higher licensing fees and background checks

No action was taken.

I. Call regular meeting to order:

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson, Benjamin Smith and Michael Pushard

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:51PM by Sanderson.

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton, Jarrod Pinkham, Richard Cote, Sara Goodridge, Matt Tulley, Ben Godsoe, Carol Belanger, Henry Truman, Sheri Truman, Theresa Kerchner, Molly Alexander, Alec Giffen and Jim Lothridge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Public Comment on items not part of the agenda:

Sheri Truman asked the Selectboard to investigate what was done with the debris following a recent demolishing of trailer on the Collins Road.

Henry Truman informed the Selectboard that a dog in the neighborhood had been killing their chickens for about a year. Wanted to know if the owner had received a court summons for violations of Chelsea Ordinance.

III. Adjustments to the agenda: None

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #08 in the amount of \$8,114.21
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #09 in the amount of \$227,165.05
- C. Approval of August 15, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C as presented. The vote was unanimous.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

- 1. Working with KLT to conserve Leon Perreault Property

Theresa and Ben from the Kennebec Land Trust introduced themselves and made a presentation to the Selectboard on what the KLT does and their interest in getting Chelsea involved with land conservation. Alec Giffen informed the Selectboard of land in Chelsea that could be available for conservation and to determine how the Selectboard felt on the matter. No action was taken.

- 2. Discussion with Planning Board on workplan

Carol Belanger, from the Planning Board, requested input from the Selectboard on the types of ordinances they wanted the Planning Board to work on. No action was taken.

- 3. Closing Town Office October 2 so staff can attend MMA
Convention and Selectboard Attendance

The Manager presented the Selectboard with the benefits of staff attending the MMA Convention on October 2.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Sanderson to authorize the closing of the Town Office on October 2 and to be open later Thursday October 3 to accommodate resident who needed the later hours to conduct town business. The vote was unanimous.

VI. Legal:

E. Winter Road Plowing and Sanding Bid Award

Chelsea received only one RFP for Winter plowing and sanding. The bidder was K and F Construction for \$8,200 per miles for the 2019/20 winter season. A representative of the contractor was present to answer questions. The bid exceeds the amount budgeted at the June Town Meeting. The Selectboard instructed the Manager to prepare warrant calling a Special Town Meeting for September 12 at 6PM. The voters will be asked to approve \$70,300 from UFB to plow and sand roads.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to approve a contract with K and F Construction in the amount of \$217,300 for winter plowing and sanding services contingent upon vote by town to approve additional funds. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. Verbal Communication:

B. RSU 12 Board of Directors –

Richard Cote, RSU 12 Rep, reported to the Selectboard on the last months activities at the school board.

A. New Business:

4. Appointments to fill Vacancies

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to appoint Sheri Truman and Terry Mitrenga to a one-year appointment to the Chelsea Planning Board. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to appoint Terry Mitrenga to a one-year appointment to the Chelsea Board of Appeals. The vote was unanimous.

B. Old Business:

1. 2019 Summer Road Work Budget and Progress Review

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard the 2019 roads improvement plan which attempts to expend funds for roads this Summer and Fall instead of having unused funds carried over. No action was taken

2. Selectboard attendance at Maine Association of Assessing Officers Conference at Sebasco Estates on September 18, 19 and 20

The Manager reminded the Selectboard of an upcoming Conference on tax assessing that they might be interested in attending. No action was taken

VI. Legal:

A. 2019-20 Tax Commitment

The Selectboard scheduled a special Selectboard meeting for September 5, 2019 at 6:30PM to commit taxes.

B. Approval of 2018-19 Budget Carry Forwards

The Manager presented the Selectboard with the list of 2018/19 budgeted amounts that he is recommending be carried forward. The funds are:

\$118,334 from Summer Roads
\$ 2,500 from Records Preservation

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to approve carry forwards as recommended by the Town Manager. The vote was unanimous.

C. Approval of 2018-19 Budget Overdrafts

The Manager presented the Selectboard with a list of 2018/19 Over drafted Accounts. The funds are:

Insurance \$15.42
Streetlights \$25.27
Animal Control \$790.00

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to use the funds remaining funds in the Contingency Fund budget to pay the overdrafts instead of using UFB. The vote was unanimous.

D. Approval of the Agreement with Affinity LED for conversion of current streetlights to LED

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to to enter into a contract with Affinity LED for the conversion of current streetlight to LED. The vote was unanimous.

VII. Written Communication: NONE

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager – NONE
- C. Boards and Committee – NONE
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors - NONE

IX. Executive Session:

A. Abatement Request #2019 – 10, pursuant to 36 M.R.S § 841(2)

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to go into executive session to discuss Abatement Request #2019 – 10, pursuant to 36 M.R.S § 841(2). The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to come out of executive session. The vote was unanimous. Out at 8:58PM

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to deny the request for an abatement due to the Selectboard having insufficient information to render a decision. The vote was unanimous.

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on Sept 12, 2019

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith