

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 26, 2019
6:00 PM
Village Fire Station—32 North Street**

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 26, 2019

Selectmen Attending: Patrick A. Briggs, Allen Daggett, and Sheila Matthews-Bull

Selectman Absent: Edward Hutchins

Others: Dick Ackley, Andrew Barowsky, Bill Claus, Michael Claus, Carol Cook, Michael Davis, Jon Dykstra, Harvey Flashen, Paul Hogan, David James, Amy McNully, Mike Papaz, Harrison Small, Arlene McMurray, Tracey O'Roak, John Rinaldi, Kinder Wilson, and others

1. Call to Order.

Chair Daggett called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Approve the September 12, 2019, Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Briggs, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to approve the September 12, 2019, Selectmen meeting minutes. **Vote:** 3-0

3. Public Forum (This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to address the Board of Selectmen with any issue that is not on the agenda.).

There were no comments.

4. Consider request to make Grandview Avenue a one-way street, running from Ocean Avenue to South Main St.

Amy McNally, standing in for Ralph Austin who represents Andrew Barowsky, introduced his request to make Grandview Avenue a one-way street.

Mr. Barowsky expressed his safety concerns because he said there has been a significant increase in traffic over the years on Grandview Avenue. He stated buses and trucks have caused property damage when attempting to make turns. He added that four other property owners on his street support his request.

Mike Papaz opposed making Grandview Avenue a one-way street because he said it will cause more traffic to go down East Avenue which has lots of curves.

Dick Ackley, who represents Lynn Chase and her four properties on East Avenue, also objected to making Grandview Avenue a one-way street along with Bill Claus and, a resident of East Avenue.

Chair Daggett was not in favor of changing Grandview Avenue because Grandview Avenue is straighter road, while East Avenue is curvy.

Selectman Matthews-Bull had concerns that a change would cause more traffic on East Avenue, and Selectman Briggs agreed.

On another subject, John Rinaldi expressed his safety concern with children playing in the summer who cross Grandview Avenue to get to the tennis courts. He asked if perhaps public works could put up a crosswalk to keep children corralled.

Public Works Director Mike Claus said signage might be better way to address this.

Mr. Barowsky asked if the no parking signs can be fixed on Grandview Avenue. Mr. Claus will also address this.

5. Update on Ocean Avenue Seawall project.

Mr. Claus said they are working on changes to the guardrail. There has been a delay in approving the shop drawings until he has the cost of the contract modification for this change. He said there is no cost increase with moving the project date to the spring.

The cost for the rails is over budget by \$16,280. Mr. Claus said they could hold off with installation of the rails if needed.

Town Manager Laurie Smith added they will continue to try to reduce costs.

6. Request to support recycling legislation and authorize petition.

Jon Dykstra, member of the Solid Waste Committee, said this past March, the legislature directed the Maine DEP to develop legislation to establish a "product stewardship program." The legislation would give package producers the incentive to reduce the amount of product packaging and encourage them to design and create packages that are recyclable and/or consist of recycling content. DEP has until December 16 to propose legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The National Resource Council of Maine is asking municipalities across the state to adopt the resolution of support in developing an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging Law. He said the Solid Waste Committee requests that the Board of Selectmen adopt this resolution.

Discussion followed. Selectman Matthews-Bull expressed her concerns over government control and price increases.

David James said commented they don't have anything to lose by adopting this resolution, and they should not prejudge legislation.

Chair Daggett said they are going to look at every angle to find a good way to recycle.

Ms. Smith added that the Solid Waste Committee is working on alternatives.

Motion by Selectman Matthews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to sign the resolution supporting development of an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law. **Vote:** 3-0.

7. Establishment of a Parks and Recreation Committee.

Director of Parks and Recreation Carol Cook said she could use some help. She would like to have the Recreation Committee start up again. She clarified the committee's mission:

1. The Rec. Committee is responsible for assisting the Rec. staff in formulating ideas for as well as implementing Rec. programs, community events, and classes based on the perceived needs of the community.
2. The Committee will act as an advocate and a liaison for the Rec. department within the community and help with recruiting volunteers for Rec. programs and events.
3. The Committee shall be charged with the assessment and enhancement of Kennebunkport's public recreation facilities in response to the community's needs and priorities. It will work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to help develop a long-range plan of facilities.

Motion by Selectman Matthews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to formulate the mission of the Parks and Recreation Committee stated above. **Vote:** 3-0.

Paul Hogan suggested getting a teenager on the committee.

8. Consider agent fee increase for motor vehicle registrations, effective October 1, 2019.

Town Clerk Tracey O'Roak said the state increased vehicle registration fees \$2.00. She suggested increasing municipal agent fees to be in line with state law.

Motion by Selectman Matthews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to approve the increase in fees for municipal agents for motor vehicles from \$3 to

\$5, and the increase in motor vehicle renewal registrations from \$4 to \$6, effective October 1, 2019. **Vote:** 3-0.

9. Other Business.

Ms. Smith said that FEMA denied the flood map appeal and at the last meeting one of the options was to proceed with a scientific resolution panel review, which the Board chose. Since that time, there was a meeting with the congressional delegation and the multitown group. They concluded that the town should not request a scientific review panel because it would limit court action. Other options are to take court action against FEMA; not to take court action or proceed with a scientific resolution panel review and do a letter of map revision, but map must be in effect and people would need to buy flood insurance; or file a letter for map revision under the current maps and also file a letter of revision on the proposed maps when they go into effect. She said it is unlikely they would not have time to file for a map revision.

The attorneys recommend that all towns and cities submit comments by the deadline on Monday. The Board agreed with their recommendations to not go forward with a scientific review panel.

Ms. Smith asked the Board if it would like a representative from each town meet with the RSU 21 on a regular basis. The Board agreed to have open communication.

Chair Daggett thanked the public works department for the work done on Mills Road.

10. Approve the September 26, 2019, Treasurer's Warrant.

Motion by Selectman Matthews-Bull, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to approve the September 26, 2019, Treasurer's Warrant. **Vote:** 3-0.

11. Adjournment.

Motion from Selectman Briggs, seconded from Selectman Matthews-Bull, to adjourn. **Vote:** 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Submitted by Arlene McMurray
Administrative Assistant