

December 28, 2023

Year End Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Mason, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Tim Maloney, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and 4 visitors

Supervisor Mason opened the meeting at 9:07am with the pledge of allegiance.

Bills: WD #1, \$37.58; Highway, \$1,321.76; General Fund, \$506.42.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve of the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

Privilege of the floor

Tim Wiley (Tucker) – Tucker said that he was there to find out what was going on with Capt. Jacks. He said that he thought it was the board's intention to purchase the property, but if not, he said it is no problem just let him know. He said that if it is because of the addendum, he said he is honoring his Dad's wishes, his Dad wanted this. He said it is up to the board to decide. He said he wants to know what the board wants, because he has three offers on the property now.

Councilman Wood said that the addendum says it must be municipal property for 100 years, and that is a long time. He said if Harbor Hotel comes in and wants to buy it to build there, with the addendum, they couldn't sell. Councilman Wood said that the last meeting was the first he had heard of the addendum.

Tucker said that he could make more money selling the property to someone else, he doesn't care.

Councilman Wood asked then why put restrictions on the town.

Tucker said it was his Dad's wishes to have the town buy it.

Supervisor Mason said that in 2019 they had a purchase offer to buy it. He said this was the first he had heard of the addendum and they had never talked about it. Supervisor Mason asked why the restriction when the town doesn't know what they will do with it. He said that the neighbor wants a parking lot in exchange for removeable docks.

Councilman Wiley said that the property has been talked about for Municipal use, use for a match. If used for a match it will be forever.

Supervisor Mason said that he called Irene from the Dept. of State and she told him the Capt. Jacks property can not be used for a match.

Councilman Maloney said that he is trying to educate himself on this. He said that he is not ready to vote on the matter because he still has questions. He said that he spoke with the town's attorney Jim Burrows and he did not think the addendum was a good idea. He asked Tucker who wrote the addendum as Jim Burrows spoke to Tuckers attorney and they said they did not write it.

Councilman Wiley said that at a meeting with the Steering Committee, it was agreed that no one wanted to use the property for parking.

Councilman Aubertine asked why the town would apply for a grant when they don't own Capt. Jacks. He said the ownership of the property is pivotal to the whole project. He said that Tucker has already said he has other offers; does the town want another restaurant in the middle of the project?

Councilman Maloney read an email from Megan Kendall. He suggested that Tucker contact his attorney regarding the addendum.

Councilman Wood asked Tucker if he could wait until Jan. 1, and not make any decisions until then. He said he would.

Councilman Maloney said that he would like to have Tucker contact his attorney regarding the addendum. He wants to know what they are thinking.

Councilman Aubertine said that at the end of the day, the board needs to accept the addendum to move forward. He said that one thing he know for sure is that they need Capt. Jacks to move forward with the project.

Supervisor Mason asked Tucker if he was stuck on 100 years. Tucker said it is the town who wanted it to be a park.

Tina Maloney asked the board to make budget amendments to the transfer site reserve account and recreation park. She told them there is a need to build up the reserve accounts and asked them to consider it.

Councilman Wiley told the board that the CVLDC has a resume from David Snow to be a member. He asked for a motion for his appointment.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to appoint David Snow to as a member of the CVLDC, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Highway Superintendent Bill Pond told the board that the brush at the transfer site has been ground. He said that the transfer site shouldn't accept any more commercial loads as they can't give it away anymore and it is costly to have it done.

The board disused this and asked Nina Buskell what the charges are for commercial vs residential loads are.

Councilman Aubertine said that you can't just stop accepting without notice. He suggested Jan. 31. Supervisor Mason said that if you stop taking the brush it will end up on the railroad tracks or in the town.

Councilman Wiley asked if they could charge more to offset the grinding fees.

Bill Pond said that they have run out of room to put it. He said that they could take some of the material to the pit but that would be handling it to many times.

Councilman Maloney said that we should put everyone on notice.

Councilman Wood said to raise the price and frown upon accepting the loads.

Nina said that she thought this would work.

Bill said that other towns can take the brush because they have room for it.

Councilman Aubertine said to start with raising the price and watch the dumping.

Nina said she now gets \$30.00 and \$50.00. It was suggested to raise it to \$100.00 and \$150.00. The board will leave it up to Nina's discretion on what to charge.

Resolutions

Resolution #76

Resolution #76 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #76 is to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$4,000.00 from A8160.2 to A232 and \$3,000.00 from A7140.2 to A233 for budget amendments.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #77

Resolution #77 was moved by Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #77 is to appoint Stephen Docteur to a two-year term as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2025.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #78

Resolution #78 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #78 is to appoint Karen Bourcy to a three-year term as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Term will expire Dec. 31, 2026.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:05am, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:14am, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 10:14am.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk