



**Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
January 7, 2020**

PRESENT: Chair Robert Falciani, Alison McKellar, Taylor Benzie, Marc Ratner, & Town Manager Audra Caler-Bell. Also present were members of the public and press.

ABSENT: Jenna Lookner

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **Public Input on non-agenda items:** Nina Holland wanted to know when the new website will be completed. She said she can't find some of the minutes from the parks and rec department as well as reports about the tannery property, such as the EPA reports. Ms. Holland wishes there was better communication. She looks for information in the newspapers as well but it gets costly and wonders if things could be reported about in the Free Press. Audra Caler-Bell said it should be up and running in about 3 weeks.
2. **Select Board Reports:** Alison McKellar spoke about people's concerns about the Town ability to enforce the polystyrene container ordinance. Marc Ratner spoke about the energy meeting, opera house meeting, and the work that is being done on the bathroom on the 3rd floor. He also said they will be meeting this month to discuss new shows for 2020.
3. **Approval of Board Minutes from December 17, 2019:** McKellar stated that in item #5 Fassel should be spelled as Fasoldt. **Ratner motioned to accept the minutes from December 17th with the one correction. McKellar seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0-1. Benzie abstained because he was absent for the December 17th meeting.**
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Consideration of request from Camden Library to close Atlantic Avenue on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for Winterfest activities: *Adopted***
 - b. **Approval of victualer license for Camden Bagel, LLC d/b/a The Big T Snack Shack at Camden Snow Bowl (inside lodge): *Adopted***
 - c. **Approval of new victualer license for the Camden Bagel, LLC, d/b/a Big T Snack Shack at Camden Snow Bowl (outside trailer): *Adopted***
5. **Discussion on Winter Road Maintenance and Winter Parking Ban:** Dave St. Laurent said they take care of 58 centerline miles of winter roads and 12 miles of sidewalks in Camden. He spoke about the pros and cons of sand and salt. St. Laurent also spoke about how much of each they have used since 2004 as well as ways to reduce the amount that they are using. St. Laurent discussed the administrative best management practices for storms. Rick Seibel says the highest priority is Route 1. St. Laurent talked about the parking ban and why it is important. A discussion was had about not having a ban and possible limits to the ban as well as hardships for some residents. Anita Brosius-Scott wanted to know if exceptions could be made for residents with special circumstances.
6. **Public Hearing for renewal of liquor license for Camden Bagel LLC, d/b/a The Big T Snack Shack at 20 Barnestown Road (Snow Bowl):** Marc Senders spoke and said things have been going well and that they switched from glass bottles to cans. ***Ratner motioned to approve the renewal of liquor license for Camden Bagel LLC, d/b/a The Big T Snack at 20 Barnestown Road. McKellar seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.***

7. Discussion on Energy Initiatives:

- a. Solar Energy Options**
- b. Energy Efficiency Improvements to Town Buildings**
- c. Renewable Energy Sources: Wind Power Development?**

Audra Caler-Bell said the Town is looking into different options to increase the use of solar/renewable energy. They could do a Town issued RFP process, they could go with Maine Power Options (MPO), or they could go with the Maine Green Power Program. They discussed how each of these work. The different options are laid out in the memo she wrote to the Select Board. You can find that memo in the Select Board packet. A lengthy discussion was had about the different options. Chair Falciani said ESCO will be in Thursday to do an efficiency audit. A discussion was had about different ways they could go. Caler-Bell with contact some of the neighboring towns and will work with Rich Roughgarden in setting up a possible RFP. It was discussed having a workshop. Anita Brosius-Scott wanted to know what kind of PPA they are going to request. The board says it will be broad and went into a discussion about the different options. It was discussed whether or not they should look into wind power development. Pete Kalajian says there are roughly 2 years of data from the top of Ragged Mountain collect by the University of Massachusetts. He encourages doing a matrix to evaluate. Nina Holland says it's not just solar; it's also about insulation too. Jeremy Martin says he will be meeting with Anita and the energy committee about the Efficiency Camden program. Alison McKellar said the Town has trust funds available to help Camden residents with things like insulation or the window inserts with eligibility requirements. Caler-Bell will bring the RFP to the board to make sure everything they want is in it before she sends it out to bidders. They will look into wind options as well. The energy committee will gather all the reports so they can be added to the website. Dory Kline said the Friends of Ragged Mountain have documents and information and would like to be consulted. It was suggested that anyone with any information to send it to Jeremy Martin.

8. Approval of FY 20 Fee Schedules for Town Departments

- a. Harbor:** McKellar proposed to eliminate the daysailer (\$100) & fishermen (\$25) float application fees. *McKellar moved to eliminate the application fees for daysailers and fishermen. Benzie seconded. Ratner wanted to know why they would charge extra if the town employees are already paid an hourly rate. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

Benzie moved to accept the fees as written. Ratner seconded for discussion. Ratner wanted to hear opinions about why they should charge more or less for the harbor fees. Benzie would modify his motion if need be. McKellar would like to change the winter dinghy permit from \$100 to \$50. She also suggested a \$500 parking fee for daysailers that they could opt in or out of. She also thinks they should not increase the fee for fisherman for Oct 1st to May 1st (winter) and keep the fisherman's float fee for residents (\$400) and increase it for nonresidents (\$500). Avery Brott says he does not agree with the fee increases and spoke to why he feels that way. A discussion was had about comparisons to different towns. Some members of the board feel that the rates have now plateaued except for normal cost of living increases. Ratner is not in favor of changing and putting a parking fee for daysailers without them be represented. *Benzie amended his motion to approve the 2020 the Town of Camden Harbor fees with the harbor committees' recommendations with the following changes: Winter dinghy permit \$50, the fisherman's Oct-May zero increase, the fishermen fees for Camden residents \$400, the fishermen fees for nonresidents \$500 and to add a daysailer/windjammer pump out for \$20. McKellar seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

- b. Parks & Recreation:** The board will discuss the Snow Bowl fees in February. Beth Ward said they would like to add a field use reservation fee. This would be per league per year in the

amount of \$100 for youth leagues and \$300 for adult leagues. McKellar asked to have it clarified as per league/per year so it's less confusing.

Ratner motioned to authorize the changes with the wording change for the revenue for field use reservations. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Beth Ward asked the board if they wanted her to continue free Wednesdays for Camden residents. She also spoke about the Camden residents only 2 hour \$16 ticket for Thursdays & Fridays. ***Marc Ratner motioned to authorize free Wednesdays for Camden residents. Benzie seconded. McKellar added that she thinks it should have remained in effect. The board feels it should be on the rate schedule. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.***

A discussion was had about the Windjammer fest merchandise. It will be delegated to the committee. They also discussed the children under 6 season pass. ***Ratner motioned to allow children under 6 a free season pass with a picture. Benzie seconded for discussion. Chair Falciani stated there is a motion on the table to allow children 5 and under to have a season pass for 2021 with parents signing a liability statement. Beth Ward stated she could make an exception this year so if an adult of that child has a seasons pass, that child can get a seasons pass without having to deal with the ticket area. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.***

c. ***Opera House: Tabled for a future meeting.***

9. Midcoast Solid Waste Budget Timeline Update: Alison McKellar said the budget will not be on time; it's taking longer.

10. Follow-up Discussion on Meeting with Ragged Mountain Foundation re: Fundraising for Snow Bowl Lodge: *Tabled for a future meeting.*

Go to [YouTube/TownofCamdenMain](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) to view the whole select board meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Select Board Chair Falciani entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. No Discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Espinosa
Recording Secretary