



**Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
March 4, 2020**

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

ABSENT: Taylor Benzie

Call to Order

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

1. Public Input on non-agenda items: None

2. Select Board Reports: Chair Falciani gave his condolences for the passing of Jimmy Kierstead. He also spoke about all the work Kierstead did in the town and for the town. Alison McKellar spoke about the cyclist infrastructure in California. She also spoke about the DOT pedestrian safety forum and said there will be another one on the 31st at the middle school at 6 p.m. McKellar said there were a lot of issues about route one and the crosswalks. The meeting is streamed on the Town Facebook page. McKellar also showed a video clip of the harbor from last Thursday and spoke about erosion issues as well as pictures of Atlantic Avenue Bridge. Marc Ratner spoke about the capital campaign meeting and said one thing that did not come up was the sea rise and flooding risk to the public landing. He said there is an article in the February 10th issue of Village Soup (<https://knox.villagesoup.com/p/planning-for-public-landing-to-heed-sea-level-rise/1850742>) where Audra talks about the long-term planning for the landing to deal with sea level rise. Ratner also spoke about the Opera House and the shows that they just had and ones that are coming up. Blue Café has been expanded; they will be offering more shows than once a month. Nicos Apollonio will be playing March 27 in the Blue Café and the new Maine Made Music will feature Dirigo Rocks! on March 14th. He also said Camden-Rockport Middle School is putting on James and the Giant Peach on March 20th and the 21st; the Wayfinder School is doing a “moth-style” live story telling event called Finding Our Way on March 5th and on March 7th at 3 p.m., The Very Hungry Caterpillar and other Eric Carle favorites. Ratner also mentioned the 2nd annual Jazz in June. He talked about tubing and thinks it would be great to have it back at the Snowbowl and could do it like Lost Valley. Ratner and some members of the Select Board, Caler-Bell, and Beth Ward have people asking them about tubing. Ratner says they will investigate and see what it will take to bring it back. Jenna Lookner attended a historic resources committee meeting and spoke about the recognition of historic homes. She said they have had 7 historic plaque applications. Lookner said they are looking for volunteers to help research the applications or for canvassing. If you are interested in volunteering you can get email Jenna (jlookner@camdenmaine.gov) or Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman (eileenjocanelokk@gmail.com). Chair Falciani said MDOT only received on bid for the Route 1 North project in the amount of \$16,700,000. Falciani said that when he started as chair on that committee for that stretch the budget was \$5,000,000. Falciani thinks it could affect other projects like Stop-N-Go because of limited resources and workforce. He says strategies need to be revised.

3. Approval of Board Minutes from February 4, 2020: Ratner motioned to approve the minutes from February 4, 2020. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Motioned passed 4-0-0.

4. Presentation by Maine State Entomologist Tom Schmeelk on the Browntail Moth: Tom Schmeelk gave a presentation about the Browntail moth, the history of how it got to the United States, what kinds of trees they like, and what they have tried in the past to try to control them. Schmeelk said what you can do to try to combat them is to cut down their winter webs and burn them or soak them in soapy water between April and June; keep your lights off between 10 p.m. and midnight. Treating with chemicals need to be done by a licensed pesticide applicator; a list can be found at the Maine Forest Service website

(https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/documents/pesticide_applicators_bm_hwa_others.pdf), Schmeelk said. Patrick McCafferty spoke about his idea of a drone that carries a cannon that blasts biodegradable pellets that would shred the nests in the trees. Martin asked how long the mature oaks could last before they die. Schmeelk said can hold on for 3 years and flush out leaves, but if there are multiple stressors it could be less. Martin says they are getting calls about removing trees in the shore land zone, but says the law does not allow that, they can just the mechanical pruning. Anita Brosius-Scott wanted to know why McCafferty chose beads instead of a propane torch. For safety reasons and it doesn't shoot very far, McCafferty says. Shane Hendrick spoke about donating his time to take care of some of the trees in Barrett's Cove and in Rockport to try to help. He said he has a 92' spider lift that can penetrate almost anywhere. He named other arborists that are licensed to deal with Browntail moths and says they run about the same price for the injections.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Nominate Grace Glover as the oldest resident to be presented with the Boston Post Cane: **Adopted**
- b. Renewal Victualer license for Owl & Turtle Bookstore at Bay View Street: **Adopted**

6. Public Hearing regarding proposed Camden Zoning Ordinance Amendment for June Town Meeting:

- a) Amend Article XII, Section 8, Site Plan Review, of the Camden Zoning Ordinance to clarify, expand upon, and define what constitutes a variety of modifications to an approved site and to require ongoing compliance with latest dated approved site plans approvals:

Ratner motioned to approve Camden Zoning Ordinance Amendment for June Town Meeting. McKellar seconded for discussion. McKellar says that the lack of posting the minutes, agenda, and backup documents has been a problem. It makes it impossible for people to follow along. Martin says they are working on it. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

7. Set date for public hearings for Zoning Ordinance Amendments for June Town Meeting Ballot:

- a) Accessory Apartments - Amend Article III Definition and Article VIII Sections 2, 3 and 4: ***Ratner motioned to schedule a public hearing for accessory apartments Amend Article III Definition and Article VIII Sections 2, 3 and 4 for March 17th. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.***
- b) BTR to B1 – Amend numerous articles in the Zoning Ordinance and amend the Town's Zoning Map to eliminate the BTR zoning district and replace it with the B1: ***Ratner motioned to schedule a public hearing for transfer the BTR zone to the B1 Amend numerous articles in the Zoning Ordinance and amend the Town's Zoning Map to eliminate the BTR zoning district and replace it with the B1 for March 17th. McKellar seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.***

8. Set date for a Public Hearing on Cemetery Ordinance Amendments: *Ratner motioned to set the date for March 17th for the public hearing on cemetery ordinance amendments. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

9. Public Hearing on application from Blue Harbor House Inn at 67 Elm Street for a Class V Bed & Breakfast Liquor License: *Ratner motioned to approve the application from Blue Harbor House Inn at 67 Elm Street for a Class V Bed & Breakfast Liquor License. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

10. Update on Energy Efficiency Performance Contracting – Letter of Intent: Audra Caler-Bell spoke about the long-term energy efficiency improvements. The library will be added. Caler-Bell said if they do

sign a letter of intent with Siemens they would be committed to them taking on a lot of engineering work and would be responsible for any work if the Town decided not to go move forward with any type of project. Chair Falciani spoke about the process and what happens and says it would be. A discussion was had about Midcoast Solid Waste and the yacht club being included in the performance contracting.

Ratner motioned to authorize the letter of intent with Siemens for energy efficiency performance contracting. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

11. General Fund and Snow Bowl Financial Year to Date Reports: They talked about the Snow Bowl being in good shape compared to last year. A lengthy discussion was had about different strategies they could use if there are no snowstorms in March and about how good the snowmaking has been. The goal is to stay open until March 31st.

12. Executive Session: Real Estate Acquisition, 1 MRSA Section 405(6)C

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EWvXBG0W-A> (Part 1)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c49QhxhSano> (Part 2) 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 8:30 p.m. No Discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Espinosa
Recording Secretary