



**Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
April 21, 2020**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Falciani at 6:30 p.m. with the following members answering the roll call: Chairman Bob Falciani, Vice Chair Alison McKellar, Marc Ratner, Jenna Lookner, and Taylor Benzie. Also present were Town Manager Audra Caler-Bell, Town Attorney Bill Kelly, Jodi Hanson, Janice Esancy, Paul Leeper, Karen Oliveieri, Mark Siegenthaler, Dave Morrison, Dave St. Laurent, & Jeremy Martin

1. Public Input on non-agenda items: **None**
2. Select Board Reports: Marc Ratner spoke about the Watershed School, the Global Covenant of Mayors and the state targets. Alison McKellar spoke about climate change, flooding, storm water, dams, the flooding of the Harbor Masters shed, and about the Earth day Zoom call. Taylor Benzie spoke about continuing to follow the Maine and Federal CDC guidelines for social distancing. Jenna Lookner spoke about continuing to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing. Chair Bob Falciani spoke about the energy audit for the Town on the 29th & 30th.
3. Approval of Board Minutes from April 7, 2020:
Ratner motioned to approve the board minutes from April 7, 2020. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll Call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.
4. Presentation of FY 19 Audit Report: A discussion was had about the Town's financial position, no material findings, and working on the negative fund balance in special revenues. ***Ratner motioned to accept the FY19 audit report as presented. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.***
5. Presentation on Inland Moorings Working Group Recommendation: Paul Leeper gave an overview of what they have been doing, the problems, recommendations (harbor master and ordinances) and spoke about regulations. Taylor Benzie read a letter from David Lyman and Brian Robinson who think a lengthy town ordinance is unnecessary. A discussion was had about appointing the inland harbor master, ordinances, Lincolnville's' ordinance, and job description for an inland harbor master.
6. Approval of Windjammer Agreements: Chair Falciani read a letter from Ray Williamson of Maine Windjammer Cruises who spoke about how the Corona Virus is affecting his business (cancellations) and is asking the board to forgive the first half of the windjammer lease payments. Caler-Bell stated that whoever requested a deferral of payments, they have been allowing them. A discussion was also had about paragraph C in the agreement and the signatory being the Town Manager (Audra Caler-Bell). They also discussed the power in Harbor Park. Janice Esancy read the comments from the Windjammers. Chair Falciani asked that this be included in the minutes: Paragraph C should read, as follows: The Licensee hereby specifically agrees that the schooner/windjammer berth (and the ramp, float, and mooring system hereunder) shall be used on a regular basis for cruises with a duration of one (1) night or more; except that the Licensee shall be permitted to engage in no more than (15) separate day sails per year throughout the term of this Agreement. Licensee is required to notify the harbor master and the library director of their proposed overnight and day sail schedules in advance but, in no circumstance, less than 48 hours. ***Ratner motioned to approve the Windjammer agreement with the changes. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.***

7. Approval of names to be added to the Village Green Honor Roll – Christopher Nolan and Robert Milliken: A discussion was had about having the recommendations from the American Legion included in the Select Board packet. **McKellar motioned to approve the addition of Christopher J. Nolan and Robert Leroy Milliken to the Village Green Honor Roll. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call; 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.**
8. Public Hearings for Liquor Licenses (please submit comments prior to 3pm on 4/21/2020):
 - a. Application of Abigail's Inn at 8 High Street for a new Class V Bed & Breakfast t Liquor License: **Benzie motioned to approve the application for Abigail's Inn at 8 High Street for a new Class V bed & breakfast liquor license. Ratner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.**
 - b. Application of Hartstone Inn at 41 Elm Street for a renewal Class I Hotel Liquor License: **Benzie motioned to approve the application of Hartstone Inn at 41 Elm Street for a renewal Class 1 hotel liquor license. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.**
 - c. Application of Camden House of Pizza at 12 Mechanic Street for a renewal Class III Wine and Class IV Malt Liquor License: **Benzie motioned to approve the application of Camden House of Pizza at 12 Mechanic Street for a renewal Class III wine and Class IV malt liquor license. McKellar seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.**
9. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements:
 - Knox County Law Enforcement: A discussion was had about all Knox County Law Enforcement agencies backing each other up. **Ratner motioned to approve the mutual aid for Knox County Law Enforcement agencies. Lookner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.**
 - Belfast Code Enforcement Officer: **Tabled.**
10. Discuss Proposed Camden-Rockport Broadband Task Force: A discussion was had about what the broadband task force is, who's on it for Rockport, who would like to be on it (Marc Ratner & Jeremy Martin), and about reaching out to the community to find others with broadband knowledge to be on the task force. Chair Falciani told Martin he could reach out to Rockport to let them know Camden is on board, just wrestling with the individuals.
11. Set Special Select Board Meetings: A discussion was had about how to move forward with voting on budget and the Town meeting due to the issues with COVID19. They discussed the June Town meeting (secret ballot voting), absentee voting, what other towns are doing, providing information to make sure residents are informed about the budget, the school, the rules with the charter, issues with software system if budget is delayed, and reimbursement from FEMA for any additional costs for elections, **The special Select Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 25th at 2:00 p.m.** The language for the warrant and the budget info will be ready for the special meeting. They also talked about the budget committee and the budget nominating committee and how the voting will work for that.
 - a. Approval of FY21 Budget
 - b. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant
12. Bid Award: Camden Opera House Building Repairs: A discussion was had about what repairs will be done, why the repairs need to be done, and where the money is to come from. **Ratner motioned to award the bid awards as following, for gutter replacement work for \$63,750; for ice dam prevention for a total of \$29,400; for the repointing of all the joints for the first part for \$130,690; the second part for \$20,134; and the third part for \$7,350 and to take Alison's suggestion for raising the additional funds that we need. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0. Town**

Manager, Audra Caler-Bell wanted to clarify the Select Board voted in favor of \$120,000 FY20 CIP for the Opera House, \$100,000 from Opera House building reserve account, \$15,000 out of Select Board contingency, and \$15,000 out of the energy conservation account. Ratner amended his motion to include that. No further discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.

Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngP_Fl-g-pU 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 8:20 p.m. No Discussion. Roll Call: 3 (Ayes) & 2 (Nays). The motion passes 3-2-0. Chair Falciani and Alison McKellar were the 2 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Espinosa
Recording Secretary