



**Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
June 16, 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, and Taylor Benzie. Also present were Town Manager Audra Caler-Bell, Janice Esancy, Dave St. Laurent, Beth Ward, and Jeremy Martin. **Absent: Jenna Lookner**

1. Public Input on non-agenda items: **None**

2. Approval of Board Minutes from June 2, 2020: McKellar asked to change the wording in #5 to say “McKellar stated that under these circumstances, Select Board approval may not be necessary”, instead of “she doesn’t feel people need to ask to use the Village Green.”
McKellar motioned to approve the minutes with the one change. Ratner seconded. No discussion. Roll Call: 5 (Ayes). The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Select Board Reports: Taylor Benzie spoke about the EMT course this past spring (included 10 members from the Camden Fire Department, 4 from the Camden Police Department, 4 members of the Rockport Fire Department, 2 members of the Rockport Police Department, a firefighter from Hope, a member of the ski patrol, and a staff member from the town office) and all class requirements were completed on May 30th and paid for largely by a grant from the division of labor. He stated how difficult it was to do the class during COVID. Benzie also spoke about the fire at Lyman Morse and Rhumb Line and said the first response system worked the way it was supposed to. The fire could have been much worse and could have caused millions in damages if not for the firefighters getting there so quickly. McKellar said that the annual household hazardous waste collection day is on Saturday from 12:30-3:00 to get rid of items such as paint, chemicals, and other things. The list is on midcoastsolidwaste.org; you can also call for more information (236-2467). There are fees and some rules around it, McKellar says. She also stressed the importance of not putting those things in your regular trash because they get incinerated. Marc Ratner spoke about the Browntail moth rash and says you can get a gel at the Penbay Hospital pharmacy with a prescription from your doctor. He says he made a mistake when he made the decision to put short term over long term money which he regrets. Ratner read an article about the Camden softball league leaving Camden and going to other municipalities because there is no charge to use their fields. Ratner would like to relook at the charges for usage of the fields. He also spoke about people around town not using masks during this COVID 19 and spoke about the stats. Ratner read a report from the National Academy of Sciences from June 11th about the importance of wearing face masks. Your care for other people is the reason we wear masks, Ratner says. Audra Caler-Bell says absentee ballots are in and encourages everyone to vote absentee. She says if you have to vote on Election Day you will have a wait; you can also vote in person at the town office. Caler-Bell said there are a lot of construction projects going on in town.

4. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Request to approve the following Victualer’s License renewals: Bagel Café, Blackberry Inn, Camden Island, Camden Whitehall, Cuzzy’s, Hawthorn Inn, Me’ Lon Togo Bistro, Scott’s Place, Subway, The Jack, Timbercliffe Cottage B & B, and Quarry Hill: **Adopted**
 - b) Request to approve the following Lodging Establishment License renewals: Blackberry Inn, Camden Whitehall, Cedar Crest Inn, Hawthorn Inn, and Timbercliffe Cottages B & B: **Adopted**

5. Public Hearings for the following liquor license applications:

- a) Messan J. Benissan, d/b/a Me' Lon Togo Bistro (new establishment) at 56 Elm Street a Class I Restaurant Liquor License: There was a discussion about the correction of the name (not "to go" it should be Togo).
 - b) Jeff Chen, d/b/a Camden Island at 87 Elm Street for a renewal Class XI Restaurant/Lounge Liquor License:
There was a discussion about some applications being incomplete. They also spoke about whether or not these restaurants are in compliance with the polystyrene. **Ratner motioned to ok the licenses with the reservation that the Camden Islands' application is filled out as his due date is June 20. That his license be filled out properly before submitting to the State. Benzie seconded. McKellar stated that she is very supportive of the business (Camden Island). No further discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
6. Temporary Decision on Picnic Tables on the Village Green: The Select Board received 3 letters about the picnic tables from Dennis McGearth, Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman, & Gideon Bok. They also spoke about the need to help the restaurants and businesses in town. **Ratner motioned to approve the use of picnic tables in the Village Green with the condition that there are waste receptacles tied in with the tables so that people don't have to go somewhere else to throw away their trash; that's a really important aspect with this and that they are also temporary. Ratner asked if the picnic tables at the library harbor park are through October. Martin said he thinks it's to the end of October. Ratner said he'd like to put the same time limit. Benzie seconded. McKellar thinks there shouldn't be a timeframe and that they should revisit as needed. Chair Falciani agrees. Ratner amended his motion to revisit on a regular basis. Benzie suggested as needed. No further discussion. Roll call: 5 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
 7. Discussion/Approval to Participate in the Keep ME Healthy Reimbursement Program: Audra Caler-Bell spoke about what this is, about speaking with the other towns about the program and how the expenses would be covered (reimbursement for things like signage, time spent by town staff, picnic tables and other things). The deadline for the application is June 22nd. Jeremy Martin will be the contact person (his time for doing this will be reimbursed by the program). **Ratner motioned to approve participation and to direct Audra to fill out the application for the process. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
 8. Approval of EMS Evaluation in Partnership with the Town of Rockport and Pen Bay Medical Center: Audra Caler-Bell spoke about what this is and that Camden would pay 1/3 of the costs (\$6,000) for the evaluation. A discussion was had about the evaluation, improving or creating an EMS system that works, the history of EMS services, and the helpfulness of a evaluation report. Kevin McGinnis will have a report by December. **Ratner motioned to approve the EMS evaluation jointly with the Towns of Rockport and Penbay Medical Center. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.** Coastal Mountain search and rescue just got certified and can respond to emergencies in our area.
 9. Approval of Snow Bowl Culvert Replacement Bid: **McKellar motioned to approve the bid and award it to JBI. Ratner seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
 10. Town Owned Property: Ten letters were received (Tom Resek, Leamon Scott, Jeff Senders, Nina Holland, Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Stephen Gold, Raymond Andresen, Geffrey Scott, Anita Brosius-Scott, & Eleanor Masin-Peters) and some were read aloud. There was a lengthy discussion about why some were read aloud and others were not (they are all are in the packet). They discussed the fact that nothing can move forward without the approval from town citizens and that they are just gathering information to see

what is out there for ideas and offers. Audra Caler-Bell read comments on the live chat and the Select Board addressed them.

- a) Approval of Draft Tannery RFP: **McKellar motioned to approve the release of the RFP and reserve the right to modify it or addendum at future times and that we accept proposals with the understanding that they will be made public and that entities will also modify their proposals or submit multiple proposals as community input comes in. Benzie seconded. Chair Falciani asked if someone can submit a proposal next year. McKellar stated no the timeframe is 6 months. Chair Falciani said he could not support that. McKellar asked what he would like. Chair Falciani said an RFP should be submitted by a certain date, 60 days at most. Jeremy Martin said he wants to tweak it and asked for an ARFP and is hoping for 45-60 days. Ratner agrees with the 60 days and says nothing gets approved without Town approval. Caler-Bell suggested 60 days and the can extend if need be. Benzie said they wouldn't be nailed down to November. Chair Falciani clarified the motion, to go ahead with the RFB, for Jeremy to modify it, initial 60 day limit which can be rolled out, and when formal proposals are passed the whole discussion process then that's a public document. McKellar said yes and to have them posted. Ratner asked when the public will have the final chemical report. Martin says it will be put online. No further discussion Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b) Approval of Sagamore Farm Boundary Survey: **Benzie motioned to approve the Sagamore Farm boundary survey. McKellar seconded. McKellar spoke about the history of Sagamore Farms. No discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.** The boundary survey will be paid for out of the professional services budget line.

11. Approval of Camden is Blooming Event for the weekend of June 26 & 27: They spoke about the event (sidewalk sales) and blocking off some parking spaces. There will be live music in Harbor Park (with permission from the library) and the Village Green from 10am-2pm. **Ratner motioned to approve the sidewalk blooming event with the condition they have to contact the library trustees for use of harbor park because it's not in our purview. Benzie seconded. No discussion. Roll call: 4 (Ayes). Motion passed 4-0-0.**
12. Update on Renewable Energy Project: Power Purchase Agreement vs. Net Energy Billing Credits: They discussed what the agreement is and how long they last (usually 20 years). A discussion was had about renewable energy for the town and possibilities for residents. They also spoke about what to do with broken solar panels. Jeremy Martin is tasked with getting recommendations for the net energy credit option.

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 9:03 p.m. No Discussion. Roll Call: 4 (Ayes). The motion passes 4-0-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6) A: Personnel – Town Manager Evaluation

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15nkHIFHCKM> to view the whole select board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kendall Espinosa
Recording Secretary