

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at approximately 6:30 p.m., L. Blake Baldwin, Chair of the Select Board for the Town of Kennebunk, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Select Board. Present were Select Board members L. Blake Baldwin, Wayne Berry, Edward Karytko, Christopher Cluff and Shiloh Schulte. **All members of the Select Board were participating via Zoom, with Baldwin being the only Select Board member physically at the Town Hall using Zoom.** Select Board members William Ward, Jr. joined the meeting at approximately 6:39 p.m. Frank Paul joined the meeting just prior to public comments.

Also present at tonight's meeting, at Town Hall and participating via Zoom, was Town Manager Michael Pardue and Finance Director Joel Downs.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting [Please refer to supporting material \(PDF\)](#)
- b. May 4, 2020 Special Meeting [Please refer to supporting material \(PDF\)](#)
- c. Budget Meetings (Joint Meetings with the Budget Board) - *minutes not yet available*
 - January 30, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)
 - February 1, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)
 - February 4, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)
 - February 6, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)
 - February 8, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)
 - April 18, 2020 Special Meeting (budget meeting)

Baldwin had a revision to the April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. During the Memorial Day discussion, Baldwin stated that his understanding was that the Town was not authorized, sanctioning or providing services for this event.

A motion was made to approve the minutes (as amended) for our Regular Meeting on April 28, 2020 and our Special Meeting which was held on May 4, 2020.

MOVED: Karytko

SECONDED: Cluff

VOTE: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Ward, Paul). The motion passed.

3. ITEMS TO BE SIGNED

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Proposed Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on July 14, 2020.**

View the [Annual Town Meeting Warrant \(PDF\)](#)

View the ["Budget-Only" Warrant Articles \(PDF\)](#) (Finance Director updated 5/12/20)

Downs spoke, speaking of adjustments he made and votes he wanted the Select Board to take.

Karytko asked if the Warrant Article including Garden Street is going to be paid for out of the TIF. To that, Downs said yes.

Select Board member Ward joined the meeting at approximately 6:39 p.m.

The Article ____ : Referendum Question ____ : To see if the Town will vote to increase the fiscal year 2020-21 property tax levy limit of \$9,729,220 established by State law by an additional \$1,135,805.

MOVED: Baldwin

SECONDED: Karytko

Schulte said he appreciated the update and explanation that Downs sent around.

VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Paul). The motion passed.

Article ____ : Referendum Question ____ : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of notes in anticipation of tax collections (TANs) in an amount up to \$5,000,000, and payments of the associated debt service, for the purpose of funding possible tax collection short-falls, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officers shall determine.

MOVED: Baldwin

SECONDED: Karytko

Karytko asked how they are looking so far as far as their revenues. Downs responded to Karytko, in part saying that as of last Friday they were short by about \$440,000 on tax collections, out of the total of \$38,700,000.

VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Paul). The motion passed.

Frank Paul joined the meeting at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Costin, Dane Street resident, spoke about the Town Manager's contract, encouraging the Board and Mr. Pardue renegotiate the terms and conditions due to Mr. Pardue running for a seat in the State Senate. Costin also said they have close to a thousand signatures asking the Town Manager and Select Board to revisit the contract and require the Town Manager to resign should he be elected to the Senate in the fall. Costin also discussed the request he made of the Town in February through the Maine Freedom of Access Act and the response he received. He said it was more notable for what wasn't in the reply.

Tom Hyland, from the public, spoke about TIFs, wondering how much was added during the current fiscal year and how much is being added (how much additional property assessments and/or how much tax revenue.) Hyland wondered if they should continue the TIFs or at least, for the time being, if they can be held in advance until their finances are not as affected by COVID-19.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **Update From Kleinschmidt and Associates on the America First Hydro Proposal related to the Kennebunk Light & Power District (KLPD) Dams**

Katie Sellers, Regulatory Coordinator with the Hydro Resources Division within Kleinschmidt and Associates, went over the project history of this, to include the FERC licensing process and history to date, to include America First Hydro's efforts to get licensing, including their filing of their final license application on March 30, 2020. She explained how on April 29, 2020 FERC issued a letter rejecting America First Hydro's license application. Further, she said FERC cited that said application is patently deficient. Sellers mentioned too that at the end of the letter, FERC mentions a 30-day rehearing window (which ends on May 29, 2020). Also noted by her is that America First Hydro, on May 1st, withdrew their application for transfer of license. Sellers then went over next steps, to include various timeframes and possibilities given present and possible future realities.

Schulte asked a couple questions, one about where KLPD stands and the other related to a dam in Camden. Sellers responded to both questions, and Andy Qua responded to the latter question.

Karytko asked what happens next from April 30th to May 30th. Sellers responded to him.

Karytko asked if America First Hydro disputes FERC's decision, does America First Hydro have the opportunity to supply whatever information FERC thinks America First Hydro application is missing. To that, Sellers said correct.

Karytko asked for Sellers' best guess as to what she thinks America First Hydro is going to do. To that, Sellers said her guess at this point is that they'll probably stay silent for this 30-day period.

Karytko sought confirmation that this eliminates the ability for another entity to perhaps secure the license. In response, Sellers said she believes so.

Ward asked about the timeframe for the process KLPD has to go through. Sellers responded to him, in part saying that surrender processes can take some time.

Ward said he would guess that a cost analysis would again have to be done. Sellers, to that, said she would agree with that.

Schulte referred to a public comment Todd Shea, General Manager of KLPD and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for KLPD, made.

Baldwin asked Sellers if there is any scenario she can foresee where the Town of Kennebunk itself might end up entirely responsible for dealing with the dams. In response to Baldwin, Andy Qua, Senior Regulatory Coordinator, Project Manager and Board Chair at Kleinschmidt Associates, said that is a question he would defer to a legal opinion.

Baldwin asked Qua and Sellers if they have, in their experience, seen a situation where a Town has been burdened with the cost of removing a dam and remediating a river. Responding to Baldwin, Qua said he has not, saying the only removal that he has had exposure to involved corporations or utilities, as opposed to municipalities.

Ward asked that if the dams were to come down, would the Town incur responsibility for paying of major cleanup.

Baldwin said it is his understanding that Sellers and Qua are under contract to the Town of Kennebunk, and he asked if his understanding is accurate. To that, he was told that it is. He then got confirmation that Kleinschmidt is representing Kennebunk's interests to a certain extent.

Baldwin said the only reason they would have retained Kleinschmidt was to think about what this situation would mean to the Town of Kennebunk in the future. He said he would ask that Sellers and Qua come up with some better answers than the ones they have offered tonight. Further, he mentioned that the concept of putting Kleinschmidt on retainer was for them to advise them on what obligation or liability that the Town of Kennebunk had with respect to these dams.

Albert Kolff, from the public, said Madison Electric went through decommissioning and that it took five years. He said the license remains active during that five years. He noted the high costs associated with decommissioning. Kolff asked if his assumption is correct. Replying to Kolff, Sellers said it is, saying it can take easily a handful of years to get through this process.

Kolff asked if there is any chance that FERC will put out an RFP for other interested parties to apply for the license. Sellers stated that they currently do not believe so since already put out was that RFP, a few years ago.

Kolff asked if there has ever been another rejection of a license where FERC does advertise for other applicants to respond. To that, Sellers said that is a precedent she can't say she knows, off the top of her head. Qua said he can't think of a comparable precedent.

Tom Hyland, from the public, brought up concerns with some residents in Kennebunk bearing certain costs even though they may not have been beneficiaries of KLPD.

Jan Fisk, resident of Kennebunk, said she is wondering if FERC would consider a leasing operation so that they could have someone maintain the dams and lease back to KLPD, not own it. She said she is wondering if Kleinschmidt has any opinion on that. Sellers responded to her, saying there are precedents where someone can lease a dam from an owner and operate the dam. Qua commented too.

Fisk said she guesses she doesn't understand what they would be surrendering if they still maintain ownership of the dams. To that, Qua said it would relate to the surrender of the current license. Also, Sellers spoke as to Fisk's comment; she said the decommissioning process is incredibly vague.

Kevin Flynn, resident of Kennebunk, asked Sellers if she is familiar with the Wright Pierce report that KLPD commissioned a few years ago (at the beginning of this process). In response, Sellers said she is familiar that the report is out there. She said she was not part of this process then.

Flynn went over the report by Wright Pierce Engineering. He said the cheapest option, according to that report, is that it was cheaper for them to go to decommissioning. He indicated that such is an important study.

Susan Bloomfield, from West Kennebunk, spoke. She said that given FERC's excellent decision to send America First Hydro packing, it seems absolutely fiscally prudent, at this point, for the Select Board members, ratepayers and Town residents to strongly consider removing the three dams and allowing the Mousam to run free again.

John Costin spoke, saying he understood they need to do the legal due diligence, but he said he thinks he is hearing that it is very unlikely that the Town of Kennebunk, as its own entity, carries a liability for these towns. He said he is wondering what the Town's "dog in the fight is." He also asked Downs where they're carrying the costs for retaining Kleinschmidt and any other Mousam River Dam related expenses in the budget, saying because they are in a fiscal crisis, adding that he is wondering if their money is well spent chasing after this dream of these dams coming back to life as generators, tourist attractions, etc. Responding to Costin, Downs said that currently the cost of Kleinschmidt is coming out of the Legal Budget, adding that it has been minimal so far.

b. Hear an Update from the Town Manager regarding COVID-19 and the Town's Preparedness Plans:

- Update on the Community Reengagement Task Force
- Update on the Workplace Reengagement Task Force
- Upcoming Public Gathering Events:
 - July 4th Fireworks – Canceled
 - West Kennebunk Family Fun Day – August 1st - Canceled
 - Bicentennial Celebration – August 22nd (postponed to June 2021)
- COVID-19 Community Resources in the Kennebunks –[View the Resources available](#) and please reach out if you need assistance.

Town Manager Michael Pardue gave an update, to include on the matters listed above. Pardue also spoke about a possible May 20th reopening of the Town Offices. He also expressed his appreciation to the two task forces noted above for what they are doing.

Ward asked if plastic face shields are acceptable for any face covering requirements. To that, Pardue said yes.

7. TIME SENSITIVE BUSINESS & STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Discuss the Reopening of Town of Kennebunk Beaches and Parks** – A focus group of the Community Reengagement Task Force, to include Select Board Chair Baldwin, Police Chief MacKenzie, Fire Chief Rowe, Public Services Director Laverriere, Budget Board member Morin and resident Amanda Batson, have worked closely to bring forward a reopening plan for these venues.

Baldwin presented the recommendation referenced above, in the form of a motion; he proposed to make the motion and open it for discussion. The motion is listed below.

A motion was made to authorize the Town Manager to reopen the Town beaches, including adjacent sidewalks and roadways, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) **Beach Avenue, the beach, beach parking and sidewalks will reopen on Friday, May 15th to allow public services to make necessary preparations;**
- 2) **People using the beach and adjacent sidewalks must maintain social distancing guidelines including the use of face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained;**
- 3) **People using the beach and adjacent sidewalks must not loiter, gather in groups or play games that violate social distancing guidelines;**
- 4) **Swimming and surfing are permitted;**
- 5) **Dogs are permitted on the beach and adjacent sidewalks but must be on a leash, so-called voice control is not permitted;**
- 6) **No portable toilets or benches will be installed by the Town in the vicinity of the beach; trash receptacles will be installed;**
- 7) **Personal seating, for example beach chairs, are not permitted;**
- 8) **Fitness classes are not permitted at the beach or on the adjacent sidewalks;**
- 9) **Parsons Beach will remain closed until further notice.**

The Town Manager is authorized to take all actions deemed necessary in his reasonable discretion to implement this motion.

MOVED: Baldwin

The following discussion ensued before a vote was taken on this motion.

Schulte asked what the rationale is behind no beach chairs being permitted on the beach. Baldwin stated they are trying not to create gathering points on the beach. He noted the discretion given, per the motion if it is accepted, to the Town Manager, indicating that something such as beach chairs on the sidewalks would be more of a concern than on the beach more out of the way of others.

Schulte said the fundamentals of the COVID crisis in Maine have not changed since they went into the Stay at Home Order. He said they need to see a decline in cases before reopening. Schulte said they should be waiting longer in order to see various data points come into vision.

Paul said he appreciates and respects the things done to keep us safe; he doesn't like them; for someone to tell him to do this and do that is something he doesn't take easily; he realizes and understands why they're doing it for COVID. He noted how many people have told him recently that they want to be able to use the beach. Paul read an article he looked into; it mentioned that outside is safer when it comes to COVID-19.

He said he doesn't see an issue with people at the beach being careful, adding that he thinks there's a quality of life issue here. He said he is a huge proponent of opening the beaches as soon as they can.

Ward said he completely agrees with Schulte in terms of the fact that they are kind of rushing to do this. He said it's a tough call right now. He said too that if they do go ahead with this and reopen the beaches, they want to make sure people socially distance, adding that at least during the periods of high tide we'll want to have some staff down there to make sure they keep people following social distancing.

Baldwin asked Police Chief Robert MacKenzie what his plans are for enforcing social distancing and the like at the beach if this reopening plan goes through. Responding to Baldwin, MacKenzie said they will continue to use educational methods as their first line of defense. He said he thinks most people do get it. He said he would look to have staff down there at very little cost to them. He said he feels pretty confident that they'll have the ability to keep an eye out at the beach and educate folks and, if needed, take enforcement. He said he believes the education goes a long way.

Baldwin asked Fire Chief Rowe what his thoughts are about this. Rowe then said he thinks it's a great opportunity for the people in our community. He said he thinks if everyone follows the rules, it will spread out the load that the other recreational facilities and areas in the Town are producing. He did say that the date of reopening the beaches is up in the air. He noted the fact that they can shut the beaches back down if people aren't following the rules. He said they don't want to get to the point where it gets to rebellious nature; he said he thinks this is probably easing it up.

Karytko said he doesn't think there should be any allusions to them as a Town and their Police Department trying to enforce 100% compliance on the beach, saying that may be tough. He said he thinks that people will be a little gun-shy about getting too close to one another at the beach. He said from what he can see they have not had a major problem in Kennebunk with COVID-19, and so he is very comfortable with opening up the beaches.

Schulte asked what the rationale is for not opening Parsons Beach, getting at the point that opening it could allow for more space. Baldwin responded to Schulte, saying the closing of Parsons Beach is related to the replanting of the trees that were cut down last year. He said they want to plant the new trees without the challenges of traffic, as requested by the Public Services Director. He said they are going to delegate the decision to reopen Parsons Beach to the Town Manager.

Schulte said they're talking about protecting the most vulnerable people in their community. He said it is very depressing to him to see some of the responses they're getting from people saying they're fed up with this and that it needs to be over; he said it is not a necessity to go down to the beach. He also said if they can hold off for a couple more weeks, they can see if the measures they have in place are working. He also warned of it not being anywhere near just some local residents who will be on the beach but people from all over the place there too.

Cluff said he agrees with everything Schulte is saying but that he thinks that at this point they have heard the overwhelming call from their constituents that they want back on the beach; he said that, as far as he is concerned, "let them have their cake and get coronavirus too."

Ward said they are already seeing signs of civil disobedience with people going to the beach and walking the beach anyway. He pondered how best to control the situation if you know something's going to go out of control. One concern of his was if they decide they need to close the beach again, that could probably be more traumatic than delaying the opening of the beach. But he did say that, at the same time, where places around Kennebunk are opening and we've got such a drive to get down there now, he would go along with this plan to reopen beaches in Kennebunk now. Otherwise, Ward made clear, he would have preferred a slower reopening of beaches in Town.

Berry said he was hoping that when they heard the report from the task force that they'd find a more phased approach to opening their facilities, because they did close just about everything associated with the beach. He also noted his concern that if they get into a situation where there is a surge later, or they are in a "yo-yo" situation, they will really kill the entire summer season for the area because once if they shut it down again, they are not going to be so quick to open it up as they are this time. He noted the economic disasters for the area if they shut down for a second time. He said he would say that he is not in favor of the motion as proposed, that he would be in favor of some parts of it.

The Board heard many comments from the public on the pros and cons associated with a staged reopening of the beaches and related areas. Many in support of opening the beach and related areas, and some suggesting a delay in opening.

Baldwin said it would seem to him that the one possible change they could make is to push it from May 15th to June 1st in terms of reopening beaches in Kennebunk. Schulte said he thinks they need to move it to June 1st to be in concert with what the State is doing. Paul said he wants to vote on this motion first and then decide if they want to make another motion.

Baldwin said he's not sure that if they approve this it would be the most rational thing they have ever done but said they have made emotional decisions before. He said too that the beach is not currently tied to any economic driver because everyone has to quarantine for 14 days when they enter the State; so, he said, this is purely for the residents. He said too that if they want to open the beach, he thinks he would go with the point that people who have certain risks have the choice of not going to the beach. He said he doesn't think they can continue to regulate people's behavior in this regard without the risk of running into open civil disobedience, which he greatly fears. He said they either have to take a hard line and enforce the closure, which he is not in favor of doing, or take the next step.

Schulte said that at the last meeting they were at the stage of thinking of soon allowing people to see the ocean from their cars. He thinks that this is a very unfortunate way to go about this. He said they can look at this in a phased operation.

Baldwin made further comment, regarding parking being hard to enforce (people park elsewhere when one avenue is closed) and cones in parking lots (people have thrown them).

Some discussion continued.

After much deliberation, the Board moved the motion.

SECONDED: Cluff

VOTE: 5 in favor, 2 opposed (Schulte, Berry). The motion passed.

Karytko added that he really appreciates all the people who called in and expressed their opinion.

A motion was made to authorize the Town Manager to reopen Town parks at his discretion with the following restrictions:

- 1) people using Town parks must maintain social distancing guidelines including the use of face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained;**
- 2) people using Town parks must not loiter, gather in groups or play games that violate social distancing guidelines;**
- 3) playgrounds will remain closed. The Town Manager is authorized to take all actions deemed necessary in his reasonable discretion to implement this motion.**

MOVED: Baldwin

Discussion ensued before the motion was seconded and voted on.

Baldwin explained that they are not specifically identifying parks per se; they're leaving that to the discretion of the Town Manager.

Schulte asked if Baldwin can elaborate on the rationale of leaving the playgrounds closed. To that, Baldwin said playgrounds cannot be disinfected.

Schulte asked if they will be disinfecting other touch surfaces at the parks, including at the beach. Baldwin responded, in part saying they left the discretion to the Town Manager.

Schulte, after being asked a question by Baldwin, said he thinks it makes sense to keep the playgrounds closed. He did say that if they open the beach, they shouldn't leave the parks closed because that would crowd the beaches more-so. He said he was in favor of keeping the beaches closed but opening the parks which would not be a draw for people out of town.

Discussion continued.

Cluff wondered if Baldwin specifically mentioned fitness classes or businesses in the parks, in his motion. Baldwin then said he did not. Cluff then said they've had a couple gyms in Town that have said they would like to do classes in the parks since they can't do indoor classes. Baldwin said they can certainly add to the motion to include that. Cluff said as long as Pardue has discretion over that, he'll second that motion.

Cluff seconded the motion (noted above) at this time.

SECONDED: Cluff

Baldwin said Laverriere wants to open the parks as is, which means no tennis nets, no basketball nets, keep it as is, where is for the time being. He said that was included in the original recommendation and that he (Baldwin) took it out of the motion simply to leave that to the discretion of the Town Manager.

Ward asked Baldwin if he mentioned the skateboard park in his motion. To that, Baldwin said he did not. He said too that obviously that is a concern, for one thing saying it is a gathering point where social distancing might not be observed. He said they are giving the Town Manager discretion to look into that for them.

Sharon Staz, Kennebunk resident, said she listened in on the Monday Task Force Meeting and she thought that it was inferred that stuff such as the skatepark would still be closed. In response to Staz, Baldwin said it wasn't clear to him that the group had a consensus on those issues, he doesn't think they fully discussed them.

Schulte said he thinks this is still kind of nebulous in terms of what can and cannot be opened. He was also skeptical as to how they would enforce behavior in this matter. Baldwin offered a response to him.

Schulte wondered if MacKenzie has the confidence that restrictions are enforceable. To that, MacKenzie said they do.

The motion (and second) noted above was voted on at this time.

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Baldwin thanked everyone for a civil conversation; Schulte said he hopes people take this seriously.

Baldwin noted one example of social distancing and the wearing of masks and one example of the absence of the same.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Discuss the Sale of Tax-Acquired Property** – At the Board’s meeting on April 28th, Finance Director Joel Downs provided the Board with four tax-acquired properties for further consideration. Over the past week, he has engaged in discussions with Town Legal Counsel.

[Please refer to supporting material – Tax-Acquired Property Policy \(PDF\)](#)

Downs spoke about this agenda item. He said the process has been started.

Karytko sought confirmation from Downs that the process has been started on the four properties they had discussed. To that, Downs said correct, just those four.

- b. **Discuss the Sale of a Portion(s) of the Property Located at 15 Portland Road** – On May 4th at a special meeting of the Select Board, the Board engaged in discussion concerning the sale of a portion(s) of 15 Portland Road, a parcel owned by the Town of Kennebunk. The Board requested this topic be advanced to their May 12th meeting.

In consideration of the potential sale of the homestead located at 15 Portland Road, Town Engineer Chris Osterrieder has outlined the zoning limitations relative to the property in its current condition and any potential uses or changes.

[Please refer to supporting material – 15 Portland Road Zoning Summary \(PDF\)](#)

WARRANT ARTICLE:

Article ____, Referendum Question ____: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell any and/or all portions of the properties received in the purchase of the properties commonly known as 15 Portland Road as authorized at the Town Meeting of November 5, 2019, subject to such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems in the Town’s best interests.

Osterrieder spoke regarding this agenda item.

Paul asked Osterrieder if the 1.1 acres still gives access to Route One from the property the Town wants to retain. In response to Paul, Osterrieder said correct. He elaborated.

Karytko clarified that this Warrant Article gives them the permission to sell the property; it does not direct them to sell the property. Then, he asked if that is correct. Baldwin answered yes. Karytko said he thinks there’s a lot of discussion that has to go on before they truly understand whether that property needs to be sold or will be sold.

A motion was made to forward the warrant article shown above to the July 14, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

MOVED: Cluff
SECONDED: Karytko
VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

- c. **Discuss Strategic Planning** – At their workshop on May 5th, the Select Board renewed their work on the development of a Strategic Plan for the Town of Kennebunk.

[Please refer to supporting material \(PDF\)](#)

Baldwin spoke about this agenda item. He spoke of an idea of using the Connectivity Project as a way of demonstrating how strategic planning would work on a micro basis.

Town Clerk Merton Brown said they need to vote on a recommendation regarding the matter on 15 Portland Road to put onto the ballot. Baldwin said he'll come back to that.

Referring to strategic planning, Baldwin said they're moving forward with the process. They hope to have a strategic plan in the not too distant future, which would leverage all the work of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and some of the work this Board has done in previous workshops as well as in drawing inspiration from the polls that they have conducted of their residents to find out what their preferences are about how Kennebunk will look in the future.

At this time, the motion the Town Clerk said was needed (during Article 8b) was voted on.

A motion was made to pass the positive recommendation onto the Warrant for this Article.

MOVED: Cluff

SECONDED: Ward

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Any Other Business

10. SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

a. Subcommittee Reports

b. Individual Select Board Member Comments

Ward: Said he hopes everyone understands the seriousness of what's going on and that they maintain social distancing.

Schulte: Said he thinks the fundamental construct that people hiding in their houses out of fear is fundamentally flawed, saying your social distancing, your quarantine is an act of compassion for your fellow humans who are less fortunate than you might be or you think you are from a personal health basis. He said this is not a crisis that can be solved in a libertarian way, this is a crisis that needs to be solved in a community way. He continued comment along the same lines.

Paul: Said people are the ones who are responsible for keeping the beach open (if they follow the rules, the beaches will be open still and if not then the beaches will not be open still is really the current philosophy being used, it seems). Said he'd like to see if there is some way they can remind people to be safe out there.

Karytko: Said for anyone with torn or tattered flags to bring them to the American Legion on Water Street, adding that someone will take care of them. Said the County Budget Board had its first meeting via Zoom this past Wednesday night. Mentioned an increase in the County Budget. He said Kennebunk is going to be responsible for about \$53,000 of an increase associated with the same. Said that every Wednesday night, now through June, that Board will be having their meetings via Zoom and he will report back if there are any changes. He said the increases are minimal and that no one really expects any great changes at this point in time.

Cluff: Had no comments at this time.

Berry: Thanked Karytko for the information regarding the County Budget. He said COVID-19 exacerbates the divisiveness within this country. He also said he thinks he's found that communication, while it is much more difficult sometimes because of the crisis going on, is also much more necessary—that they try to communicate more and better, and he thinks most of the people who participated tonight did a very good job of that (of trying to get their points across and communicating). Wondered about any possible future workshops on strategic planning.

Baldwin: Said his comment is in furtherance of Schulte and Berry's. Talked about the social contract they have in the Town of Kennebunk. He said they have an obligation to each other, a shared destiny, that they have chosen for the time being. He said the social contract is between each other. He said they, as a community, do better when they realize that they are contracting with each other. He said to him that is very important for them to keep in mind. He said the social contract is between us.

11. TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pardue went over announcements related to the below. He said is that veterans will be holding some observances for Memorial Day, adding that that will be made public as soon as they know the details. Thanked everyone for the major discussions they had tonight. He also said he will exercise his authority very cautiously and wisely with regard to openings approved.

a. **Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day**

- Town Offices and Department of Public Services will be closed
- There is **no change** in the trash and recycling curbside collection schedule due to the holiday
- Memorial Day Parade will not be held this year due to COVID-19 physical distancing requirements.

b. **Proposed 2020-21 Budget** – Want to catch up on the budget meetings that took place recently at Town Hall? Meetings are archived for viewing anytime at www.townhallstreams.com. View the supporting detailed budget documents that were presented at the budget meetings at www.kennebunkmaine.us/budget. The proposed budget will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on July 14, 2020.

At approximately 9:26 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn tonight's meeting.

MOVED: Karytko

SECONDED: Cluff

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.



L. Blake Baldwin, Chair
Kennebunk Select Board

Date: 5/26/20