



MINUTES
HARRISON SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 09, 2024 – 6:00 PM

All regular select board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meetings are recorded and posted on the Town Website and on Lake Region Television usually in 2 days.

Please practice social distancing. Reminder to the attending public: Select Board meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Chair or Vice Chair only during Public Participation. Comment time is limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Matters related to personnel will not be heard or discussed.

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chair Philip Devlin, Select Person Frederick Ross, Select Person Nathan Sessions, Select Person Colleen Densmore, Secretary Denise Dumont, James Fahey Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: Town Manager Cass Newell

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet attached

- I. Call the Meeting to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

Deb Kane – 1. After the storm, the public put their brush, sticks, and branches along the road. Who is responsible for picking them up?

2. School review – is the School Board involved? Is there a possibility to change districts? Withdrawing from Oxford Hills and going to Lake Region School District perhaps?

Richard Sykes – Is anything being done about the brush dump? The Town Manager was tasked with finding a place to put the brush. Has she come up with where yet?

Chairman Frank stated that it is a work in progress, and we are working on it. There is a private citizen who was approved for a brush dump years ago but never acted on but is willing to look into opening the brush dump and opening it up to allow the Town to use it.

- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda

Consent Agenda

E. District Budget Validation Referendum Warrant for School #1

New Business

A. Short-Term Rental Ordinance

- V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Unsigned Warrants #60- #65 - Approved by signature

Informational

B. Approval of Select Board Minutes – April 11, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024 made by S. Densmore, 2nd S. Sessions Approved 5-0

B. Liquor License: Renewal of Fluvial Brewing LLC liquor License

The question was asked if there were any issues/concerns for business Fluvial Brewing. No known issues.

Motion to Approve the renewal Liquor License for Fluvial Brewing LLC made by S. Sessions, 2nd S. Ross Approved 5-0

C. Approve Business Licenses

The question was asked if there were any issues/concerns for any of these businesses. No known issues. It was decided to do them as a group instead of individually.

S. Devlin asked if the license is under the business or individual? If a business is sold is it passed to that individual?

Chairman Frank It is licensed to the business and if it is sold they would have to come back and reapply.

1. Olde Mill Tavern
2. Vacationland Campground
3. Greenwood Manor
4. Hillside Cabins
5. Camp Laughing Grass
6. Fluvial Brewing LLC
7. The Barking Chicken

Motion to Approve renewal of all business licenses listed above made by S. Ross, 2nd S. Densmore Approved 5-0

E. District Budget Validation Referendum Warrant for School #1

Motion to Approve the School District Budget Validation Referendum on the Warrant made by S. Ross, 2nd S. Devlin Approved 5-0

VI. New Business

A. Short-Term Rental Ordinance – (put on as a warrant question)

James Fahey, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, explained that this Short-Term Rental Ordinance is to protect homeowners and their renters as well as the Town. It has gone before the Planning Board and has had public hearings

Motion to put the Short-Term Rental Ordinance on as a warrant question made by S. Densmore, 2nd S. Devlin Approved 5-0

B. MSAD17 Discussion

Chairman Frank gave a brief explanation of the MSAD17 school budget increase. He shared that it going to be painful for Harrison. The annual school budget comes up to around 14.92% increase for Harrison then add a \$2M deferred maintenance amount that is in addition to their yearly budget. It will bring our share of the budget to 24+%. We need to vote it down. They are still talking about closing all the schools, building a new school, and busing our students to Norway/Paris.

The way percentages are figured is 75% property values and 25% student enrollment. We have 210 ½ students or 6.81% of the population.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. Other Business - Informational

A. Upcoming Meetings:

Informational

- Fire Study Public Hearing May 14, 2024 @ 6 pm Harrison Elementary School
- GPCOG's annual General Assembly meeting and Annual Summit are coming up on **May 30th from 2:00-5:00** at St. Joseph's College (2 delegates from Harrison) **S. Densmore volunteered, but no one else volunteered**
- State Primary/Municipal & School Elections, June 11, 2024, from 8 am to 8 pm
- **Town Meeting** June 12, 2024, at 6 pm

IX. Town Manager's Report – suspended until next meeting.

X. Select Board Items: None

XI. Next Regular Select Board Meeting: **06/13/24**

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 pm made by S. Densmore, 2nd S. Devlin Approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Frank, Chairman

Denise Dumont, Secretary