

TOWN OF CORINTH, MAINE
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2023

1. Call to Order

Carl Dow called to order the regular meeting of the Select Board at 6:00pm on July 27, 2023, at the Corinth Town Office.

2. Roll Call

Municipal Officers Present: Carl Dow, Jennifer Mitchell, Charlene Chesley, Rosanne Young, and Stewart Brooks.

Others Present: Stephen Fields (Town Manager), Jana Watson (Board Secretary), representatives from Bar Harbor Wealth Management, and members of the public represented by attached photo of the sign-in sheet *see Attachment 1*

3. Reading of the Minutes

Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept as written the Board of Select Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2023. Second by Jennifer Mitchell. Vote 5-0.

4. Announcements

- Senior Bus Trip August 2nd - Sign up before July 28th.

5. Public Hearing:

A. Liquor License Application: 2 Sisters, LLC “Countryside Restaurant” – renewal:

1. Dick Broad of 410 Exeter Road – Will this public hearing occur annually?
2. Fostine Clement of 38 Hayman Drive - Are there any current concerns?
3. Robert Pederson of 345 Black Road – What is the difference between the license needed by Countryside Restaurant vs. convenience stores?
4. Jeff Dow of 547 Mudgett Road – Has the board checked to see if there are any reports or records on file?
5. Arthur Watson of 8 Hayman Drive – Resident made a comment that business should remain open as there aren't any current concerns that the Town is aware of. Requested clarification on the process of how complaints that come into the Town Office are forwarded to the State Liquor Board.
6. Lisa Tilton of 29 Puddledock Road – What is the process for the renewal at the town level? Requested clarification of liquor license process.
7. Katelyn El-Hajj of 568 Black Road – What concerns if any is the Town aware of?
8. Taylor Sprague of 98 Main Street – Resident and business owner advised that she is not aware of any current complaints or investigation an investigation. Resident was a aware of a concern that occurred months ago which resulted in a visit from a State Liquor investigator. Concerns were discussed and a collaborative plan was implemented with the investigators input.
9. Jonathan Robichaud of 3 Village Street – Resident commented that he feels the business is being run appropriately and he feels that the business owner addresses concerns appropriately when they arrive.
10. Jenn Thomas of 410 Garland Road – Is the business owner aware of when complaints come into the town office and will be forwarded to the State Liquor Board? If it is within the statute, can the business owner be made aware in the future?
11. Chris McDonald of 568 Black Road – In what situation could the license be denied?

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12. Jenna Sprague of 98 Main Street – Resident and business owner commented that if there is a noise complaint or other problem, the business owners would like to know so they can address concerns.
13. Brooklyn McKay of 410 Black Road – Is this an annual process?

6. Public Comments:

Resident made comments regarding the information she learned during an informational meeting regarding the LS Power Grid. She requested that the town not approve this project if they have such power at the municipal level.

Resident made comments that the transmission line proposed by the LS Power Grid will destroy his hay fields. This will require him to purchase hay. This will be of great expense. The 150 to 200ft right-of-way will be sprayed with herbicide to keep the weeds down and could pose a danger to land and water. Further comments that the state Legislature passed this project in a non-transparent manner. Requests that in as much as the town can, that members of board do not support this plan.

Resident expressed concerns that his managed wood lot, acreage, and his homestead will be destroyed by the current route selected by the LS Power Grid project. He reports that the towers will be a massive double transmission line. This power project is not going to support the people of this state but will further supply power to southern New England.

Resident expressed concern about the proposed map for the LS Power Grid project is passing within 300 feet of his home.

Resident expressed that the State shut down the power project out of Quebec a few years ago and he finds it concerning that the LS Power Grid project seemed to get through the Legislature without public input.

Resident expressed that she had history living in an area where a transmission line was going through her property. She moved to this town to leave this problem. She has developed and maintained a property that will be an eye sore and ruin the usefulness of her land. She is also concerned about the resale value of her property. Resident requests the Board become proactive in protecting the property in the town from the LS Power Grid project.

Resident would like to know if there was any information regarding a People's Veto regarding the LS Power Grid project.

Resident asked if the town can write a position statement against the LS Power Grid project.

Resident asked about the creation of an ordinance to protect the town from the LS Power Grid project.

Resident asked about the possibility of voting on the school budget at the annual town meeting rather than at a special town meeting.

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7. Municipal Staff Reports:

A. Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief provided a written report.

B. Town Manager Report: Town Manager provided a written and verbal report.

8. Unfinished Business:

A. Casavant culvert and water flow issue: Board discussed.

Motion made by Stewart Brooks to install a culvert at the end of the designated right-of-way known as "Crosby Way" at the intersection with Puddledock Road. Second by Rosanne Young. Vote 4-1.

B. Town Property – Land: Board discussed.

Motion made Charlene Chesley to move forward to look for a piece of land for the town to buy for further development including a potential community center and/or auditorium. Second by Stewart Brooks. Vote 4-1

C. Staff position discussion: Tabled.

Motion made by Rosanne Young to table this issue until the August 24, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Select Board. Second by Jennifer Mitchell. Vote 5-0

9. New Business

A. Liquor license application renewal: Board discussed.

Motion by Stewart Brooks to accept renewal. Second by Jennifer Mitchell. Vote 5-0.

B. LS Power Grid: Board discussed.

C. Review Warrant #s 29/30:

Motion made by Jennifer Mitchell to accept Warrants #29 and #28. Second by Stewart Brooks. Vote 5-0.

10. Other Business

A. Bar Harbor Wealth Management update: Written and verbal report presented by representatives from Bar Harbor Wealth Management.

B. Horse hitch post at Town Office location: Town Manager presented information on how other towns have handled horse hitches. Board discussed.

Motion made by Jennifer Mitchell that the Town move forward with putting a hitching post in at the town office. Second by Charlene Chesley. Vote 5-0

C. MMA Annual Election:

Motion made by Stewart Brooks that the Town Manager represent the board at the MMA elections. Second by Rosanne Young. Vote 5-0.

11. Road Commissioner Information

A. Sidewalk Complaint: Board discussed.

B. Follow-up on Covered Bridge turn-around: Board discussed.

Motion made by Carl Down that this be tabled until the landowner can attend a meeting. Second Jennifer. Vote 5-0.

C. Tate Road Brush Cutting: Town Manager advised that a resident requested a timeline for the Tate Road brush cutting.

D. White School House Road tree removal: Board discussed.

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12. Municipal Officer Input:

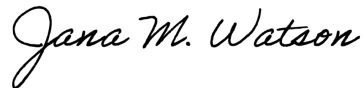
A. Rosanne Young discussed developing a plan for communication regarding ongoing concerns and projects for the road commissioner.

13. Executive Sessions: Request to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA405, 6(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Carl Dow that the board enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA405, 6(A) at 8: 26pm. Second by Stewart Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Executive session minutes recorded by Charlene Chesley as indicated below.

Submitted by,



Jana M. Watson, Minute Recorder

Executive Session July 27, 2023

Carl Dow made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:11 pm, supported by Stewart Brooks. 5-0

14. Adjournment:



Carl Dow made the motion to adjourn at 9:16 pm, supported by Charlene Chesley.



Submitted by,
Charlene Chesley

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023

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**Attachment #1
Public Attendance Record**

 Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust 	
<i>Attendance</i>	
Things to Do Today	✓ Done
<i>Bill MUTH</i>	
<i>Dora Brydon</i>	
<i>Tom Braeson</i>	
<i>Will Chatham</i>	
<i>John Fells</i>	
<i>Jonathan Richman</i>	
<i>Jessica Richman</i>	
<i>Fannie Wilson</i>	
<i>John Paul Thomas</i>	
<i>Countryside - owners</i>	
<i>Sandra Clement</i>	
<i>Debra Dutton</i>	
<i>Jeff Blawie</i>	
<i>Robbie Spru</i>	
<i>John Claff</i>	
<i>Brian Parker</i>	
<i>Carol + Phil Gershell</i>	
<i>Jim + Vicki Berry</i>	
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<i>Steven Sprague</i>	
<i>Dale Rogers</i>	
<i>Andrew McGinn</i>	
<i>Robert T. Dumbria</i>	
<i>Robert Lisa Pedersen</i>	
<i>BRYAN ARAMANT</i>	
<i>Brooklyn McKay</i>	
<i>Tracy H. H. H. H.</i>	
<i>Lisa Tilton</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Tilton</i>	
<i>Sandra Redzinski</i>	
<i>George Redzinski</i>	
<i>Dick Brown</i>	
<i>Chris McDonald/Kaitlyn</i>	
<i>Allyl Apple</i>	
<i>Mark Redzinski</i>	
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