

Town of Baldwin, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 2024,6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org. Attendance: Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, Dale Miner, Robert Flint as well as members of the Public.

Jim Dolloff opened the Public Hearing at 6:00pm concerning possible extension of the moratorium ordinance regarding medical cannabis, registered dispensaries, and medical cannabis production facilities. Robert Flint explained that it's by vote of the Select Board that determines whether the moratorium gets extended or not, and by statute a Public Hearing is required. The current moratorium expires March 31, 2024. Planning Board Chair, Jo Pierce confirmed that the Planning Board is working toward having a proposed ordinance to present to the Town. Robert Flint called the Public Hearing to a close at 6:10pm and opened the Select Board meeting.

1. <u>Medical Cannabis Moratorium Status/Extension</u>: Robert Flint moved to extend the Medical Cannabis Moratorium. Dale Miner seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

2. Review/ Approve minutes.

Dale Miner moved to accept and approve March 5th, 2024, minutes as written. Robert Flint seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

3. Review/ Approve warrant.

Robert Flint moved to accept and approve the March 19th, 2024, warrant with one correction to be made. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. The Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the warrant.

- **4.** <u>Cumberland County Regional Assessing -Abatement:</u> Robert Flint moved to approve the Abatement presented from Cumberland County Regional Assessing. The Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.
- 5. Quitclaim Deed- Russell Franklin Jr. & Sandra, 13 Woods Mill Road, East Baldwin, (Map 1 Lot 83-A): With confirmation that the Franklins paid all outstanding property taxes and fees owed, the Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor of redeeming the property to the Franklins and signed the deed.
- 6. <u>Abatement Request Courtland Alexander, 879 Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin, (Map 11 Lot 37-2):</u> Property owner, Courtland Alexander is requesting a property tax abatement due to the demolition of building structures on the property. The Assessing Agent confirms that by state law Mr. Alexander owes for the year; it would be up to the Select Board to approve an abatement. The Selectmen will obtain further information prior to making determination.
- Cumberland County Regional Assessing Director of Regional Assessing, Rob Sutherland
 Resigning as Director: Rob Sutherland plans to continue in his position through September 2024
 to complete tax commitments and a new director is found.
- 8. Walking Trails on Town Farm Lot (Map 5 Lot 15): Tom White of TW Enterprises, Inc. expressed interest in using the Town lot for walking trails. The Town attorney's opinion said the Town would not have liability and recommended having an agreement with thirty days right to withdraw. The Selectmen discussed the idea of holding a public hearing to allow Tom White to present and have public discussion. Jo Pierce stated that the Planning Board would want to include the walking trails in Tom's CUP to understand what total business is. The Select Board tabled further discussion.



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Reminders: No budget meeting tomorrow, 3/20/24. Senior Lunch 3/20/24 @noon. Comprehensive Plan Meeting 3/21/24 @ 3:00pm

<u>Public Question and Comment:</u> Kathy Pierce, Brown Memorial Library- A welder is to look at a light pole and an electrician will evaluate light fixtures to be swapped out for LED fixtures.

Robert Flint reported that IRC contractor is scheduled to come look at the Community Center roof.

Adjournment: Robert Flint motioned to adjourn at pm. Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Flint

Dale Miner