

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Beginning @ 6:00 p.m. @ Brownville Community Church- 84 Church St.  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**PUBLIC HEARING : Renewal of Tough Nickel Bistro liquor license and the proposed Wellhead protection ordinance. Opened public hearing at 6:04 p.m.**

Tough Nickel Bistro liquor license renewal – Kathy reminded Laura Castellano that there are taxes owed for 2018 and 2019. Laura stated that she is aware of the tax balance and that her bookkeeper is behind. No other questions or comments.

Proposed wellhead protection ordinance – Kevin Black and Mike Plaziak presented on the topic. The proposed ordinance is available at the Brownville town office for review. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed ordinance at the annual town meeting.

**Questions:**

Will it affect current houses/residents? The proposed ordinance was written with regard to current property owners in the area and should have little to no affect.

What if someone's septic fails? If someone's current septic system fails it may be possible for them to get approval to either replace the failed system or hook up to the town sewer system.

How many houses are in the proposed area? There are approximately three residences that currently have private sewer systems in the area.

Would it be possible to have some type of composting facility in the proposed area? Performance measures would need to meet defined standards.

Would someone be able to keep multiple hobby automobiles on their property if it were in the proposed area? Possibly. Vehicle storage refers to large lots of vehicles. For reference: More than 2 unregistered vehicles is considered an automobile junkyard.

Is Quarry Pines in zone 1? No.

Could the lot just past the town office be sold and used for a mushroom farm? The town does not own the property, but yes, it could be sold by the current owner. All prohibitions for zone 1 would be applicable.

Is the proposed ordinance a state requirement? No, according to the State of Maine, it is the Town of Brownville's responsibility to protect town water sources.

**No additional questions/comments. Public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.**

Item 1. Open Meeting: Chairman of the Board opened meeting @ 6:48 p.m.

Selectpersons present: Byron Weymouth, James Hartin, Shelly Ekholm, Nicholas Jenkins and Kevin Emery

Employees present: Kathy White, Kevin Black and Autumn Chadwick

Others present: Michael Washburn, Laura Castellano, Corey Green, Maureen Gormley, John Ekholm, David Ekholm, Jean Brown, Robert B. Brown Jr., Manuel Suarez, Gerald Daman, Mike Plaziak and Kayli McDowell

- Item 2. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Motion made by Nicholas Jenkins to accept minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Emery. All in favor.
- Item 3. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:  
Payroll Warrants: signed  
Accounts Payable Warrants: signed  
Water / Sewer Warrants: signed
- Item 4. Liquor license renewal: Motion made by Kevin Emery to renew Tough Nickel Bistro liquor license. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Jenkins. All in favor.
- Item 5. Wellhead protection ordinance: No further discussion.
- Item 6. Quitclaim deeds: Motion made by Nicholas Jenkins to sign quitclaim deeds for Paul Thibodeau – 39 Van Horne Ave. (Map 17 Lot 53), and Janice LaVigne – 11 Circle Drive (Map 18 Lot 124). 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Emery. All in favor. Motion made by Kevin Emery to sign quitclaim deed (sewer) for L&L Management (Janice LaVigne) – 11 Circle Drive. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Jenkins. All in favor.
- Item 7. Dept. Head Reports: **Water/Sewer Department:** Motion made by Kevin Emery to put \$17,000.00 into water reserve account and \$14,000.00 into sewer reserve account for 2019. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelly Ekholm. All in favor. James Hartin made a motion to put \$10,000.00 into water reserve account and \$9,000.00 into sewer reserve account for 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Jenkins. All in favor. **Addition to Fire Station:** Kevin has received 2 bids for the proposed addition to the Fire Station. Bids are as follows: WCL Carpentry – \$99,180.00, Plumblin Carpentry – \$59,000.00, Eric Foss – no bid. Chairs and tables will also need to be included in the final proposed amount for the town meeting warrant. The Brownville Fire Department Auxiliary might be looking into grants once they have established the organization as a non-profit. Kevin Black states that the proposed addition will have fire rated doors/walls, a back-up generator and will be ADA compliant but will need Fire Marshal approval. Questions – Why build the addition? The town needs a consistent place to hold elections as well as meetings. Why not use the American Legion building? All elections are held on Tuesdays; Bingo is also held on Tuesdays. Would the American Legion be willing to change Bingo nights? Possibly. Why not just use the Fire Station as it is? The Fire Station is not ADA compliant. Could we add on to the town office instead? The cost would be much higher; approximately \$175,000.00. Would taxes increase? No, the funds for the proposed addition would be coming from town business and town owned property accounts. **Admin:** Motion made by Kevin Emery to pay Valley Brook \$369.25 for the Fire Station electrical repairs as well as \$250.00 for a pole light at a pump station and Sierra Communications \$4,000.00 for the office computer upgrade. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Jenkins. All in favor. **Fire Department:** Motion made by Shelly Ekholm to accept donation of 2 cafes and a coffeepot from the Brownville Fire Department Auxiliary. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Emery. All in favor. **Snowmobile Club:** Byron stated that the Brownville Snowmobile Club is not interested in the property offered by the town; it is too small for what they plan to do. **Computers:** Shelly made a motion to offer the old computers (3) to the Brownville Free Public Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Emery. All in favor. **Foreclosures:** 76 Railroad Ave tax and w/s balance total – \$11, 963.43, 329 Main Road tax and w/s balance total \$2,535.19. Motion made by James Hartin to set a minimum bid of \$12,250.00 for 76 Railroad Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelly Ekholm. All in favor. Kathy recommends adding \$4,000.00 to the minimum bid for 329 Main Road to cover the cost of hooking up the failed sewer system (currently privately owned) to town sewer. Kevin Black will be checking with the plumbing inspector and DEP. Motion made by Kevin Emery to set a minimum bid of \$7,000.00 for 329 Main Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelly Ekholm. All in favor. Foreclosed properties will go out to bid sometime next week.
- Item 8. Concealed weapons permits: One concealed weapons permit reviewed and signed.
- Item 9. 2020 Piscataquis County Assessment: The 2020 Piscataquis County assessment is \$85,712 (increased by approximately \$4,000) Motion made by Kevin Emery, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Hartin. All in favor.


Item 10. Open session: Corey Green is considering opening a medical marijuana business that may turn into recreational sales once the state has developed rules and regulations. He would like to know what the town requires before contacting the state about licensing. Currently, there is no ordinance in the Town of Brownville regarding this type of business.

Item 11. Schedule next Meeting: March 17, 2020.

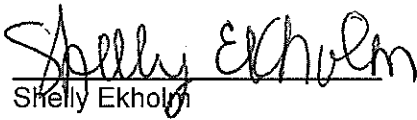
Item 12. Adjournment: Motion made by Nicholas Jenkins to adjourn at 7:34 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Emery. All in favor.

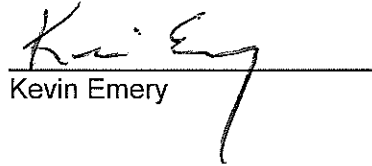
Respectfully submitted by: Autumn Chadwick, Deputy Clerk

  
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