

**GLENBURN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING #6**  
**September 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM**  
At the Glenburn Municipal Building 144 Lakeview Road

**Minutes**

**PUBLIC HEARING**-To discuss and hear public comment on the Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Medical Cannabis Caregiver Uses Extension Order #4.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

a. **ROLL CALL**

Present were Councilors Chris Grotton, John Caruso, Maurice Day, Chris Cookson, and Frank Roma.

b. **CITIZEN INPUT - OPPORTUNITY FOR**

No one in the audience chose to address the Council.

c. [06-23-01] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding extending the Moratorium on Cannabis Ordinance.

Mr. McClung stated that the test is legally two-fold for extending this moratorium with one reason being to determine that there is a need for the extension and secondly to realize that there is reasonable progress being made to alleviate the problem. The answer to both is yes. There is a need for the moratorium due to the complexity and legality of the issue being addressed, and secondly, there is reasonable progress being made to alleviate the problem as Mr. McClung has given the town attorney a draft ordinance for review. Once the review is complete and satisfied with our attorney, Mr. McClung will present the draft ordinance to the Town Council for their approval. The extension request is for another 180 days as allowed under Maine State Law.

Mr. Grotton stated that the two points of interest to him was Glenburn's vote on the public referendum regarding marijuana in Maine. Glenburn was clearly not supportive of legalization of marijuana despite its success at the State level. Secondly, it is important to him that the Council sees that the community was overwhelmingly not in support of marijuana and for them to represent the community and the community's interest. He is also concerned that some limited medical marijuana production will be required by law, and if there are no appropriate reasonable safeguards put into place around this topic now while a moratorium is still in place, there may be residents who will be in situations where they are producing marijuana or are engaged in business that they started without any appropriate rules which creates a problem and could create concerns by neighbors and others.

Chris Cookson motioned to extend the Cannabis Moratorium Ordinance for another 180 days. The motion was seconded by John Caruso and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

d. [06-23-02] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding accepting changes to the personnel policy.

Mr. McClung stated that last week the Council voted to make a change to the Personnel Policy regarding

health insurance coverage and payments. He has an Amendment Order form for Council signatures so that the policy can be amended.

John Caruso motioned to amend the Personnel Policy regarding health insurance. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

e. [06-23-03] Council discussion on upcoming meeting schedule.

Mr. McClung stated that he will be out-of-town on September 28<sup>th</sup> which is the date for the next scheduled Council meeting. He is proposing to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed.

f. [06-23-04] Update from the Public Works Director.

Public Works Director Shawn Braley stated that they have acquired the six-foot roadside mower for the school tractor. Paving projects are going well with Wellman Paving. They are complete except for the striping on Ohio Street which hopefully will be done the first of next week. There also is some shoulder work still to be done on Ohio Street as well as some ditching. The school's old playground has been torn down and removed, and there are approximately 10 culverts left to do this year. Future projects for end of summer and first of fall will include repairing wash-outs throughout the town. Fall will include leaf clean up.

g. [05-23-05] Treasurer's Warrant #3 – APPROVAL OF, Treasurer's Warrant #6 – APPROVAL OF,

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #3. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #6. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

h. [05-23-06] Minutes of August 31, 2023, Regular Council Meeting APPROVAL OF

Chris Cookson motioned to accept the August 31, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Manager/Council Items/Other Business

Mr. McClung stated that a donation in the amount of \$200.00 has been received for the Rec Department from Machias Savings Bank in recognition of Michelle Bagley's service of volunteering her time as a member of the Glenburn Rec Committee. This is an employee incentive program through the bank for volunteering time for a town function. John Caruso motioned to accept the \$200.00 donation from Machias Savings Bank to the Glenburn Rec Department. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. McClung stated that he has a meeting tomorrow on some details for the skating rink project. He is still working with the signage vendor on a design for the plaque for the front entry way.

Mr. McClung has a meeting in early October with Bangor Savings for a review of assets. The Building Fund allocation is over funded and needs to be reallocated and moved to different accounts. Mr. McClung stated that he has a \$5,000.00 spending limit. That amount has been in place for a long time and is minimal in today's world. He would like to have a discussion with the Council on what they feel would be a reasonable amount for an increase on his spending limit on behalf of the town.

Mr. McClung stated that a resident called him regarding a Veterans' Memorial. The town has a Veterans' Honor Roll posted outside on a wall at the prior town office building. He has tried to contact the VFW in Bangor with suggestions of what the town might do with that. Should it be moved over to this new building? If so, should it be displayed inside or outside, or should we take all those names and put them onto a new format for display?

#### ADJOURNMENT

John Caruso motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote, and the September 14, 2023 Town Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

A true record, as approved by the Town Council: October 12, 2023

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Daniel McClung, Secretary to the Council