

Selectboard Minutes
June 11, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:13

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Alan Vint, Clerk
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant
Absent: Mitch Feldmesser

Warrants approved: \$3,907.55 & \$809.12, both for expenses
Mail reviewed
Minutes of last meeting approved with minor changes

Wendy Foxmyn of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission came to meet the Selectboard; she is new to the PVPC and is the Manager of Regional Services & Innovation. She has many years of varied service in the municipal field.

Alan explained the Planning Board has had some issues/frustrations with PVPC not relating to Middlefield as the town is closer aligned with the Berkshires.

Wendy advised PVPC works more closely with the smaller communities and is not competing with HCOG or Berkshire Planning.

There was general discussion of what PVPC can offer in term of helping towns and the needs of Hampden and Hampshire county are extremely varied. PVPC may look into bulk purchasing, shared Conservation as well as E-permitting.

Sherri Venditti asked what expertise can PVPC provide in re-writing the Town By-Laws and was told PVPC would need to look at the current By-Laws and go from there in re-writing new ones.

Joe Kearns, Finance Chair, advised the Board there needed to be a transfer within the Education portion of the budget. The Vocational Education budget was short of funds as one more student ended up going to Vocational School. He explained there was money left over the Gateway Regional budget that could be transferred to cover this shortfall. On a motion by Noreen, 2nd by Alan, it was voted to transfer \$8,000 from the Gateway account to the Vocational account by a 2-0 vote.

Letter drafted by Town Counsel was reviewed and accepted.

Noreen drafted a letter to the Inspector General; this letter addressed the final questions and steps the Town had taken regarding the original complaint sent to the town. Administrative Assistant (AA) to prepare letter for Noreen's signature..

Noreen also advised the plumber had repaired the toilets and replaced the faucets in both the Men's and Ladies' restrooms. The faucets are now ADA compliant.

Alan stated the Town does not have purchasing orders and it is difficult to purchase items without P.O.'s or a credit card. There needs to be a way to obtain a credit card and then keep it secured. Noreen motioned, Alan 2nd, vote 2-0 to have AA to check with treasurer to see how to obtain credit card.

AA to also check with Town insurance carrier, MIIA, on the Police and Fire Accident coverage for department members.

AA to research the Service Zoning plan that was originally requested by State in 2004.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, met with the Board. He is publishing an ad for an additional employee for the Highway Dept. Also, the truck bid will be published in the Central Register and in the Berkshire Eagle, it will have to be in for 2 weeks.

Skip also told the Board a vehicle had struck a piece of ledge that juts out into Clark Wright Road, he was not able to dig it out and has jack-hammered some of it.

Janine Savoy questioned her letter of May 23rd and when she would have a response.

Noreen said it was with Town Counsel; she had originally spoken with the Attorney General's office and was told it was a matter for the Town Attorney.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Alan 2nd; vote was 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk