

Selectboard Minutes
October 1, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:02pm

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

Pole Hearing requested by Western Mass Electric and Verizon to install pole on Alderman Road. After some discussion the pole was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Second Pole Hearing was held requested by Western Mass Electric regarding the installation of 3 poles on Chester Road to supply electricity to the Allsop property that is located in Chester. Additional discussion was held and the pole installation was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed. Expenses: \$19,006.91; payroll: \$6,705.98

Minutes of last Board meeting were approved on a 3-0 vote.

Mail was reviewed.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised the Board when he went to pick up the highway laptop, the vendor could not accept a check and that he would be requesting a wire transfer to pay for the laptop from the Treasurer. Paving on Chipman Road would be done within the next few weeks. He has ordered basins for a couple of location on Chester Road.

The Board appointed Ruth Feldberg to the Cultural Committee on a 3-0 vote. Also, appointed Roger Peltier the Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector on a 3-0 vote.

The Board then met with the Finance Committee to go over funding that will be needed to be requested at a Special Town Meeting (STM). Among the items discussed were additional funding for the Veteran's Agent account, Vocational Education, Town Counsel, Police and Fire Dept insurance, Senior Center generator, Library, Forestry plan and possible repair of the ceiling tiles in the Town Hall.

The Finance Committee advised they are in the initial stages of creating a Capital Projects plan for the Town.

Alan said he had spoken with Eric Weiss regarding the DOER grant and will have Eric attend a Board meeting to go over various items in the grant. Eric is administering the grant.

The Big Belly compactor is at the Transfer Station but is not currently installed, the DOER wants to see it in action and Alan volunteered to excavate the area for the concrete pad. He will check with Skip and the attendant.

Noreen also mentioned a concrete pad is needed at the Senior Center for the generator to be installed their.

There was also discussion regarding Citizen's petitions and if they could be placed on a STM warrant. Mitch explained that citizens could petition for their own STM to address whatever concerns they had.

On a motion by Alan, 2nd by Mitch, vote 3-0 he Selectboard Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm for a Board of Health Meeting and the Selectboard Meeting would reconvene after the BOH meeting.

Colleen Budness complained to the Board that she had been waiting for an inspection by the Health Agent and her septic installer had made three trips with his equipment and the Agent was not there. She was very upset as it was interfering with her ability to refinance her home. Alan is to follow with the Agent.

Also, Alan advised the complaint filed on the Hudson property was not filed by the Hudson's and the Health Agent needed to do a complete inspection.

Sherri Venditti questioned what property was involved with the Hudson complaint and there was general discussion regarding its initial use as a storage garage and then a portion converted to living quarters. This was done with no approvals from the BOH or Building Commissioner many years ago.

Noreen stated the BOH has received an \$850 grant and felt it should be used for the cell phone contract of the EMD director. On her motion, 2nd by Alan, vote was 3-0 in favor after discussion of the grant. Also, a \$2,200 grant was received for the purchase of the cell phone (\$200) and 25 cots with bedding for use in emergencies.

Noreen motioned to close the BOH meeting and resume the Selectboard meeting at 9:15pm; Alan 2nd, vote was 3-0 in favor.

When the Selectboard meeting resumed Alan advised the Planning Board (PB) has been working on the Use Tables and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has really helped the PB and they should be ready for the Annual Town Meeting. Also, he will contact Eric Weiss regarding the DOER grant and will speak with the Building Commissioner regarding some of the negative responses he has received from residents.

Noreen will also speak with the BC about the issuing of Class II auto licenses

There was also discussion about scheduling an Executive Session by phone to speak with Town Counsel regarding the lawsuits involved in the Harry Pease Road situation. Noreen will speak with the attorney to obtain dates for such a phone session.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Alan 2nd, vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease

Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser