

Selectboard Minutes
December 10, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

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

Warrants reviewed and signed: Payroll \$5,952.81; Expenses \$53,591.50

Minutes of 11/26/12 meeting approved with minor changes, 3-0.

Mail discussion:

Bill from Paradise Solar to be held until further progress on installation on the array behind the Town Hall. Admin. Asst. to follow with Eric Weiss, Project Manager, for okay to release payment when enough progress.

United States Postal System is holding a meeting on 1/9/13 in the lobby of Post Office to discuss future of the Town P.O. regarding hours, etc. AA to contact web master to have info placed on Town web site. Need to have as many residents as possible attend to voice opinions.

Board met with Barbara Santiago regarding the temporary position of Town Hall custodian while Jack Bayless is recovering from injuries. She has 12 years experience in cleaning and organizing and currently lives in Chester. She also does cleaning for other individuals and businesses at this time. Duties were reviewed, she would be considered a contract employee and receive a Form 1099 and be responsible for paying her taxes, etc. the hourly rate is \$9. The Board thanked her and advised they would be in contact with her regarding their decision.

Alan said he had received very good feedback from people regarding the condition of the Town Hall since Kathy O'Brien cleaned it in Jack's absence. The other Board members agreed. On a motion by Alan, 2nd by Mitch, vote 3-0 to keep Kathy on until Jack returns or through 12/31/12.

Next item discussed was the position of "handyman" for the Town. There is a need for a person that would be able to do small repairs on an "on call" basis". This would include replacing windows, small building repairs, etc. Also, being able to assess the problem and to contact the proper people for electrical, plumbing and other repairs out of this person's capability. This could be paid for out of the Building Maintenance budget for this year but would appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for future years. It is estimated the budget would be between \$3,000-5,000. AA will have position posted in the Country Journal.

In Open Forum it was voted 3-0 to continue with the every other Monday night Selectboard Meetings.

ZBA alternate member was discussed, a list of 5 names was submitted by the ZBA with no preference as ZBA felt all were qualified. After discussion, Alan nominated Cynthia Artioli, Noreen 2d and vote was 2-0 with Mitch abstaining as he is also a member of the ZBA.

A resident voiced his dismay over the condition of Reservoir Road; he stated it needs work and could at least be graded. It has been neglected for a few years and is not fair to the residents that use it.

Noreen said there may be members of departments in town that may be on disability and she worried that if they were injured further, the Town would be held responsible for the injury. This is a matter to be discussed with the Town's insurer, MIIA. The Town is responsible for any emergency personnel that is injured during the course of their response, i.e. fireman injured fighting a fire, EMT injured assisting at a medical emergency.

Joe Kearns, Finance Chair, reported the FinCom has started the budget process for Fiscal Year 2014 and the State has certified \$186,475 in Free Cash. There was discussion regarding a Special Town Meeting to appropriate monies for the Veteran's Agent, Vocational Education, legal fees and any other matters that may be determined. It was agreed the date of the STM would be February 4, 2013. also, the AA will send notices to all departments to submit their budgets to the FinCom.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Alan 2nd, vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser