

Selectboard minutes  
January 22, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:06pm

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

Selectboard Chair, Noreen Suriner was absent

Warrants were reviewed and signed; payroll: \$12,167.83; expenses:  
\$16,397.44

Minutes of last meeting were approved, 2-0.

Heather Baylis met with the Board regarding the vacant Animal Inspector position. She has a degree in Animal Science, has worked as a Vet Tech and is currently employed by the USDA. After a discussion regarding duties, lack of salary and further training available. The Board advised they would make a decision after speaking with others that were also interested in the position.

Jan Hines and Terry Andrews met with the Board next, both were interested in the Animal Control position and would work together as a team. Terry has a degree in Animal Science and owns Cedar Hill Kennels located on Bromley Road in Chester. She has worked as a Vet Tech and also for a vet supply company. Jan works with Terry at the kennel and covers when Terry is not available. Both would attend the Animal Control Officer training at their own cost. The State requires a person to be appointed as an ACO before they can enroll in the course. After a discussion regarding the duties with both, the Board on motions by Alan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch voted 2-0 to appoint Terry and Jan the Animal Control Officers and Heather Baylis the Animal Inspector.

The next item was the Western Mass Electric Connection agreement that was received in draft form. This is necessary before the solar array can be put in service. Joe Kearns explained he had discussed this with Eric Weiss and the contract is pretty standard wording that is required by WMECO. Alan felt Town Counsel should review it but Mitch thought it was not

necessary to incur the cost. This will be discussed when the meeting with Eric takes place tomorrow, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There was no discussion for Open Forum.

There was a brief discussion between Alan and Mitch regarding a Feb 4<sup>th</sup> hearing regarding an injunction on the disputed road issue. Mitch felt since it did not involve the Town there was no need for an attorney to attend, Alan thought it better to have someone there than not. In the end, the attorney would not attend.

Alan motioned to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting, open a Board of Health Meeting and not reconvene the Selectboard Meeting. Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 2-0 and meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser