

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MAY 28, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:43pm after Special Town Meeting

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

First item was presented by Gita Jozsef, Assessor's Chair. She requested Board sign a contract between Mayflower Appraisal and the Assessors so a re-evaluation can be completed. She had sent out 5 requests but only received one response. The list of appraisal firms was obtained from DOR. Many of the firms are not interested in performing this service for small towns. There was discussion on possibility of combining with other area towns, it was explained each town is different so that is not always plausible. On a motion by Alan, 2nd by Howard, vote 3-0 to accept the contract. Contract was signed by the Board.

Eric Weiss who is managing the Green Grant gave the board an update on the various projects. The solar project is completed and the building permit approved and sent to WMECO. It is now up to WMECO to come out and swap over the meter. The remaining projects Eric has prioritized as: 1) additional insulation in the ceiling of the Town Hall and repair of the tiles. 2) Town Garage: he has met with Skip and reviewed the insulation Skip had installed in the garage ceiling/attic. There will be additional insulation installed, new doors and windows as part of the grant. Also, the garage will have a wood furnace but will need oil backup, a waterless hot water tank would be part of the oil backup furnace. Skip felt he would be able to pick up the wood needed from trees along the road side. 3) Fire Station: there would be no wood furnace since the building only has to have the heat maintained only high enough for the equipment to be kept warm during the winter. Eric will have these requests spec'd out and sent them to the Board before sending them out to prospective bidders.

Finally, Eric needs to have the Chair sign a standard contract so HRMC can apply for recycling grants. Mitch motioned to approve, Howard 2nd, vote 3-0. Alan signed the contract and Marge notarized his signature.

Alan said Jack Cobb is requesting 2 appointments for 3 year terms on the Historical Commission. Alan felt these should be held off and made for the next fiscal year. He also felt the candidates should be interviewed. Howard felt if these people are willing to serve, they should be appointed. There was general discussion and any appointments will not be made until the next fiscal year.

Alan also brought up the Post Office situation. When he rec'd the mail today, there was a certified letter and the clerk never asked him to sign the card. He had to bring it to her attention. Howard felt it may be a good idea to call a supervisory person and advise them of the problems. There was further discussion on this, Mitch did not feel the Town should

be involved and that it would be better if individuals complained. Alan motioned to be able to contact a supervisory person and explain that the Town is concerned about the present situation as something may be compromised if the mail is mishandled. Howard 2nd and vote was 2-1 with Mitch objecting.

Alan spoke with Town Counsel regarding forming independent committees for various tasks. He was advised, the Board can appoint the members, set priorities and receive and review the input obtained. This discussion was specifically for the properties in the center of Town that are currently in Tax Title Taking. Wally Smith felt the Building Commissioner and Health Agent should be involved and DEP should also be contacted as they were the ones that had the contaminated soils removed. Mitch said there should be a mission statement/goal, set a time line and also give options for future use of the property.

Judy Hoag said not everyone in Town agrees on the issue and that will have to be resolved as well. Howard said there has to be a sense of the Town before any project is undertaken. Mitch stated if the Town obtains title to these properties it will own from Skyline Trail to the Transfer Station and there are possible future uses such as a Public Safety Complex, new highway garage or fire station as well as a post office. Sherri Venditti felt much more information should be obtained before anything was put before the residents and there should be goals and time frames for this to be obtained. There should also be seats on this committee for the Selectboard, Historical Commission and Planning Board. This will be discussed further at the June 17th Board meeting.

Alan motioned to adjourn the meeting, open a Board of Health Meeting and not to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Mitch 2nd, vote 3-0, meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Alan Vint, Chairs

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser