

Selectboard Minutes  
October 28, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

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

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$10,184.45; Expenses: \$175,426.95.

Previous Board minutes were approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0.

Board of Health minutes were approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0.

Town Center was first item to discuss. Alan spoke with Ron Berenson, Town Tax Attorney, and Ron has been communicating with Lucas Rogers, DEP attorney. DEP appears to be anxious in reaching agreement with the Town if the Town takes the property for the back taxes. Jane Richards and Caprice Shaw, both from DEP have also been involved in this. Andrew Loew of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been authorized by the Town to also be involved. There is the possibility of a conference call between all parties in the near future to discuss this issue. Kerry Bowis has been recommended as the Licensed site Professional to assess the property for the Town.

Dale and Judy Hoag, Maureen Sullivan, Mitch, Alan and Jay Swift have shown interest in being on the Town Center Committee. Howard would like to represent the Historical Commission but will check with Jack Cobb first. Alan motioned to appoint these 6 people at this time, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was 3-0 to appoint. Later in the meeting it was learned that Victor and Judy Artioli were also interested the committee and motion by Alan, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0 they were added to the committee.

Building Commissioner (BC) email (attached to minutes) from Town Council (TC) was discussed next. This was in response to question of existing structures, if building permit was issued and if current use contradicts or alters guidelines of building permit. There was discussion on which property it would be easiest to obtain enforcement action and the Board is to prioritize a list for the next meeting.

Howard had not been able to obtain By-laws from surrounding Towns regarding the Council on Aging by the time of this meeting and discussion postponed until next meeting.

Judy Hoag supplied a list of candidates for the Cultural Council and Howard motioned to appoint, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0 to appoint. AA to send appointment letters to them.

Next discussed was changing the Board meeting time to either 5:30 or 6pm. It was agreed to start the meetings at 6pm during the winter months. Meetings were scheduled for

11/12, 11/19, 12/2, 12/16/ & 12/30. If something needs immediate attention another meeting could be scheduled.

7:32 Howard had to leave due to a family emergency.

Eleanor Doyle spoke on behalf of the Library Trustees; she would like to have Cheryl Beeman appointed as a Trustee to fill the remaining term of Susan Baker-Donnelly. Motion by Alan, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>, and vote was 2-0 to appoint.

Mitch requested permission to speak with TC on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The ZBA has some legal questions regarding upcoming hearings that involve Variance of Conditions and side set-backs on solar installations as the By-laws do not address these issues. After discussion, it was agreed the ZBA would use their expense budget for part of the legal expense, Finance Chair, Joe Kearns, stated if needed, the ZBA could request additional monies from the reserve fund to pay the legal costs. Alan motioned to allow ZBA to contact TC, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 2-0 in favor.

Last item discussed was the Community Pot Luck supper that was advertised in the Country Journal, the article stated it was open to the public and this may be in violation of State health regulations. Mitch is to contact Jackie Duda, Health Agent, for further information.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> and meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser