

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:02pm.

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

Alan motioned to open Board of Health (BOH) Meeting to review and approve minutes from 12/20 BOH meeting, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0. Minutes reviewed and approved on motion by Howard, Mitch 2nd; vote 3-0. Alan motioned to adjourn BOH, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and BOH adjourned at 6:08.

Selectboard meeting continued.

Expense warrant, \$23,658.20; payroll warrant, \$8,341.81 were both reviewed and signed.

Alan motioned to approve minutes, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and minutes were approved.

Kathy O'Brien was in to discuss maintenance issues in the Town Hall. She is in the process of cleaning the kitchen, the closet has been cleaned out and she will be polyurethaning the wooded shelves to seal them. The walls are also to be painted. There was discussion regarding painting the rest of the rooms in the Town Hall as well as the file cabinets. Howard said the cabinets could be electrospayed but that would have to be done by an outside source. The Administrative Assistant (AA) will obtain costs on repairing and painting the ceilings. Also, the AA advised he is looking into a hood and suppression system for the kitchen stove.

Tax Attorney, Ron Berenson, is setting up a conference call with DEP to discuss the buildings in the Town Center that are in Tax Taking. This area is considered a Brownfield and DEP has done some remediation. The Town Center Committee will be meeting within the next 7-10 days and some members may want to be included in the call.

Howard distributed an update on the Senior Center (attached to minutes). There was discussion on the installation of the generator and Howard is to follow up with the electrician that started doing the work. It seems the repairer of the generator has changed his mind and does not recommend installing this generator but purchasing a new one. Howard has concerns that if the electricity were to go off in this cold weather, the pipes in the Center would freeze. Since there is currently no backup power, the pipes would have to be drained in the event of a prolonged loss of electric service.

Howard requested Tom Ryan be appointed to the COA as he has expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Howard motioned to appoint, Alan 2nd; vote 3-0 to appoint. AA issued letter to Ryan of his appointment.

Mitch questioned why there was no by-line in the recent "Selectboard Notes" in the Country Journal. He felt if this were to be a continued item in the paper and by-line should be attributed to the writer. The AA will follow with the Country Journal on their policy of by-lines.

The Selectboard's budgets were next discussed. The town Counsel budget has been expended and the year is only half over, some of the costs were associated with the deposition of Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent. His deposition was ordered as part of the ongoing road dispute regarding "Harry Pease Way". Even though the Town has been dismissed, this was noticed by the Plaintiff's Attorney as part of the continuing private dispute. A Special Town Meeting will be held at some point in the future and Town Counsel funding will be an item that will need replenishing.

Tamarin Laurel-Paine said a few years ago, the expense accounts were under one article for all departments and questioned why it had been changed. Alan said it made it easier for the various Town Boards as they did not have to asking for monies to attend training or take courses.

The AA will obtain a report from our Veteran Agent regarding the services they have provided to the Town's veterans. This year there is no charge for their services as the Town was awarded a one year grant to pay for the service.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser