

Selectboard Minutes
January 27, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

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

No warrants to sign.

Minutes of last meeting approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0

Mail reviewed: discussion on request from Gateway School Committee to have on Selectboard member to attend meeting. Meeting to elect one Selectboard member from the 7 towns in the district to participate in the collective bargaining meetings with the District's various unions (letter attached).

Building Commissioner was not in due to illness. Alan advised the former General Store and adjacent house will be inspected at 9am on Saturday (2/1). Members of the Town Center Committee are welcomed to attend.

Howard advised the Board he had made 2 phone calls to the electrician regarding the Senior Center generator and had no response. Alan said he should keep after him until he responds. Howard also submitted a narrative on the generator and use of the COA as a shelter (memo attached).

The Town Center Committee is invited to attend the conference call that will be arranged between the Town Tax Attorney, DEP and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Town Hall repairs are in the preliminary stages, Administrative Assistant (AA) advised one person has been in regarding an estimate for the hood and suppression system over the stove. A second person has also been contacted and AA is waiting for a response. Alan felt it would be nice if some of the residents were able to display their art and/or photos in the Town Hall. There was further discussion regarding the painting of the walls once the ceilings are repaired. Sherri Venditti asked if a "floating floor" installation

would be possible. There was further discussion on various types of flooring for the hall.

In Open Forum Howard said the COA had used Suzanne Lemieux twice as a Recording Secretary and was very pleased with the results. Minutes were ready within 3-4 days. Alan said the Planning Board and ZBA had also used her. Howard suggested the purchase of a digital recorder that could be downloaded to a computer; this would make the transcription on the meeting notes easier and more accurate.

Alan motioned to adjourn the S/B meeting to open a Board of Health (BOH) meeting and then to reconvene the S/B meeting at the conclusion of the BOH meeting. Howard 2nd; vote was 3-0.

S/B meeting reconvened at 7:05pm will all present.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, told the Board the heating units have been installed in the Highway Garage and he is currently running only one unit as there is a problem with the 2nd unit. The installer is working on the 2nd unit to get it functioning properly. Also, he has ordered more salt and this year's usage is pretty close to average for the year.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser