

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant (AA)

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$12,124.70; Expenses: \$20,436.75

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, brought paperwork to be signed. This is related to the "pot hole" repair monies the State has granted to the communities due to the severe winter weather. Skip advised he was going to use the funds to pave a portion of Chester Road that has deteriorated. The funding will repair approximately 1,300'. Alan signed the request.

The Board signed the two business licenses for Azure Green.

Howard suggested the Town Report be done earlier so it would more coincide with the Fiscal Year. Currently, the report gives the financial date from the last fiscal year. Also, all the reports submitted should be done through the email system so it will be easier and more efficient to organize prior to publishing.

Selectman Mitch Feldmesser arrived at 6:20pm.

Kitchen update was next. AA advised the dishwasher would not be installed as the current electrical service for the Town Hall will not support the additional amps needed to run the unit. The Building Commissioner is reviewing the proposal for the hood and fire suppression system that was submitted by Allstate Fire. If all is in order, the AA will contact Allstate for an installation timetable. Also, the two electrical outlets located over the sink areas have been disconnected and blanks installed over the dead outlets. John Savery did this for the Town; he also replaced a ballast in a hall light.

Alan discussed the mowing of the Town lawn areas, a question for Town Counsel would be: is this treated as a temporary seasonal employee or independent contractor and can the equipment used that is owned by the mowing person be leased to the Town for \$1 if considered temporary seasonal employee? Additional questions for Town Counsel would be: what to do when a driveway permit is not obtained; how can the Town put fines in place for various violations; how aggressive can we be regarding junk cars; if the Building Commissioner or Health Agent have suspicions of code violations, how can they gain access to the property or building? Howard motioned to allow Alan to contact Town Counsel to discuss these questions, Mitch 2nd; vote 3-0.

AA advised he had signed the Affidavit regarding the research done that was requested by the lawyers in the ongoing road dispute. The Town Clerk and her Assistant were of great help in reviewing the Town Meeting minutes.

Sherri Venditti questioned if the Town can charge for research such as this. AA had asked Town Counsel that question previously and in this legal case the answer was "No". A fee can be charged for this type of research for an individual in normal circumstances.

Alan motioned to adjourn as the Pre-Town Meeting was to be held after this meeting, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser