

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; David DiNicola
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Warrants reviewed and signed. Payroll: \$16,783.43; Expenses: \$83,257.97

Minutes approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Mail reviewed. GTAC meeting invitation on 6/25 I Huntington, Howard to attend.

Porchlight VNA, formerly Lee VNA, sent services contract to be signed. Charge same as last year, \$1,102.50. Alan motioned to accept, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and Alan signed.

United States Postal Service submitted contract for lease of land Post Office trailer is located on, slight increase being paid to town. Alan motioned to accept, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and lease signed.

Franklin Regional Transportation Authority (FRTA) sent contract for signature, this was approved at Annual Town Meeting. Alan signed.

Steve Harris of Communication Committee (CC) requested board make all members of the CC "Special Town Employees" (STE). This request so any activities CC members may have with various communication companies will not create ethics problems in the future. Alan motioned to make STE, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0 with Howard abstaining as he is member of CC. further discussion about Town computers and passwords, CC to write up procedure on gaining access to password protected computers. Town Counsel may be contacted to determine legality of this. The new internet service is being provided by Crocker Communications at a cost of \$113/month. 50% of which will be reimbursed to Library by State. Crocker was selected from a list of qualified providers developed by Mass Broadband Initiative.

Board meeting adjourned for Special Town meeting at 6:55pm and to reconvene after meeting.

Board meeting continued at 7:25pm with all present.

Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, advised board he has locked in the diesel price at \$3.87/gal through Hampshire County bid. Skip advised the Root Road drainage is almost completed; he had to have some ledge close to the road edge broken off. Dave questioned the roadside mowing; Skip stated he has not had time to do this as he has been working on Root Road. Discussion about hiring Rodney Savery, Sr. to do as he has done this in

the past and his tractor is equipped. Alan motioned to have Savery hired, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Skip advised he had placed steel plates over a collapsed culvert on Arthur Pease Road and the Conservation Committee had given a emergency order for the repairs. If the repairs start after July 1st, Army Corp of Engineers will not have to be involved or notified.

Numerous appointments were made to various positions to operate the Town government. Council on Aging terms were staggered to reflect the 3 year term voted at the Annual Town Meeting. See attached list for all appointments.

In Open Forum, Dave discussed pot holes in various roads in Town, the amount of work the Highway Dept is attempting to do and the limited amount of money in the budgets and Chapter 90 funding. It was agreed a list of priorities should be developed.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola