

SELECTBOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015
MINUTES

Meeting opened at 5:30pm.

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

Warrants reviewed and signed. Payroll: \$10,957.31; Expenses: \$21,456.96

Minutes of April 21, 2015 approved on motion by Alan; Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Minutes of April 24, 2015 approved on motion by Howard, Alan 2nd; vote 3-0.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised the Board he had not received a call back after contacting the company for inspecting the Senior Center sewer line with a camera, he will follow again. He also has received one estimate for the bridge engineering for the 2 bridges that are in need of work. He is following with the other two firms he contacted. He plans on doing some patching next week and the new truck should be delivered by next week.

There was discussion regarding the closed bridge on Ryan Road. Skip was advised by Kathy Stevens of Mass DOT, Lenox, that he should make sure there is fall protection in place.

In Open Forum, Sherri Venditti, brought up the article in the recent Country Journal regarding the Selectboard backing of a proposal regarding Gateway Regional. Howard advised he had spoken with the writer of the article and he admitted he did not confirm the facts with the Selectboard. The Country Journal will publish a retraction in the next issue. There was continued discussion regarding the sometimes erroneous reporting on Middlefield facts.

Final discussion was regarding the use of the new audio-visual equipment in the auditorium. Howard said Steve Harris has posted excellent directions on the web-site on how to use. Alan felt a fee should be charged as it will

require someone to monitor and make sure the equipment is not damaged. Howard said he feels this is part of the overhead for the Town and many of the using Town entities have no money in their budgets for paying a fee. If the use is by an outside organization, charging a fee would be appropriate. Maureen Sullivan suggested a deposit made prior to use and then returned if the equipment is not damaged. This will be further discussed when usage policy is determined. Currently the equipment is locked in a file cabinet in the Selectboard office.

Alan motioned to adjourn so the Board could attend the Pre-Town Meeting Meeting, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 6:13pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola