

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MAY 4, 2015

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

No warrants.

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

Mail reviewed: email from McGrath regarding her outstanding taxes and legal fees.
Engineering proposal received for the repairs of 2 bridges in excess of \$50,000.

Board reorganization after May 2nd election: Howard motioned to re-appoint Alan Chair,
Dave 2nd; vote 2-0. Alan motioned to reappoint Howard clerk, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0. Alan
and Howard retain their positions.

Brownfield in Town center first discussed; Alan met with Andrew Lowe of PVPC and 2
representatives from DEP. 2 test wells drilled on 12/18/14 showed relatively minimal
contaminants. There was discussion regarding the Town taking the property at this time
and if it were to sell to private party, the Town would not bear any liability if additional
contamination were found. Recommendation was to drill one more well and test it. The
Town's tax attorney has been negotiating with the DEP in Boston regarding the liens.
The contamination issue is being handled out of the Springfield DEP office

The private wells in the area have not tested for any of the contaminants found at the
General Store site.

If the Town were to retain the property, funding may be possible from PVPC and Mass
Development. For Mass Development to consider granting funds and a plan for future
development must be submitted. One drawback is there is no well or septic on the
property. The "store" is economically beyond saving and rehabbing the adjacent house
would be expensive. There were also questions of liability to the Town and what the level
of "clear" was as far as the contaminants were concerned.

AA to contact HCOG regarding arranging meeting with their grant writer, Bernard
Kubiak. AA will also contact Jim Barry at Mass DOER to set up meeting with Board.

In Open Forum, Howard presented the COA consortium agreement for the Chair to sign.
Agreement has been vetted by Town Counsel. Howard motioned to have Alan sign, Alan
2nd; vote 3-0 and Alan signed.

Town Meeting approved \$30,000 for purchase of tanker for the Fire Dept and AA
prepared letter to send to Egremont with a formal bid of \$22,000.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised the sewer line at the Senior Center was inspected by camera the freeze problem had nothing to do with the construction equipment collapsing ground around the pipe. The problem area was located next to the building. Skip is waiting for the 3rd bid for the bridge engineering to come in, he has one that was sent to him in addition to the one received in the mail. When he receives all the proposals he will speak with the Lenox office of Mass DOT.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola