

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

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

Warrants reviewed and signed. Payroll: \$6,421.30; Expenses: \$12,596.43 and \$845.

Minutes of May 26, 2015 approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0.

Minutes of June 1, 2015 approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0

Executive Session of June 1, 2015 minutes approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0, minutes to be released at a later date.

Mail reviewed: overdue and demand notices from State regarding unemployment forms that were not filed timely

There will be meeting with financial departments, Accountant, Treasurer and Tax Collector next week. This will involve going over ways to improve next fiscal year, what can be done to make jobs easier, etc. Also, the audit of fiscal Year 2014 will be starting on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Brighenti advised Board that Will Rogers is living on property on the part of Ryan Road that was discontinued many years ago. This will be discussed with the Building Commissioner (BC) at a future meeting.

Communication Committee (CC) chair, Steve Harris, advised that Axia and Crocker have expressed interest in providing the Town with high speed internet access. Both systems would be owned by the Town and not by the provider. CC members are to meet with Leverett as they did the system on their own. Royalston is also engineering a hybrid system at this time they will look into. Any system built in Town would be owned by the Town and not turned over to a provider as WiredWest wants.

Howard told the Board that Chester's repeater located on Skyline Trail can't be used by Middlefield. He and the rest of the CC will be meeting with all of the Town's emergency personnel to review options for 911 calls.

6:43 David DiNicola arrived.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised he attended the MEMA meeting today regarding mitigation grants. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission does write these grants and he stopped by their office and spoke with a person there about these grants.

Dave also told Skip that many parts are available online at a much lesser price than those through a dealer. Skip said many times the parts are needed immediately and can be delivered the same day by local dealers. This is something to look into in the future.

In Open Forum, Wally Smith questioned who owned the land a boat and trailer is for sale on. This land is located at the intersection of Chester Road and Skyline Trail. He did not feel people should be placing article for sale on Town Property.

Michael Brighenti also said that Ricky Beckett still has a trailer on his property and there was gunfire last Saturday night around 9:00 or 10:30pm.

Alan stated there is a need to look into “camps” that are around Town, this will be taken up with the BC. There was further discussion regarding illegal structures and the enforcement issue.

Alan advised Jonathan Silverstein of Kopelman & Paige will be giving a seminar on various issues on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. it is open to the Planning board, ZBA, Health Agent, Selectboard and anyone else that would like to attend.

The next Board meetings will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm as there is a Special Town Meeting at 7:00pm.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola