

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 29, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

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

First item of business was to award the mowing contract. Alan excused himself and left the room as he had submitted a bid.

Noreen and Wayne Suriner were present as they had also submitted a bid for the mowing. Dave questioned them as to how they planned on providing this service for the Town. He was advised they were going to purchase a mower and expect to be able to do the mowing with no problems. When asked about providing a Certificate of Insurance, they stated they had obtained a quote and if their bid was accepted they would have their insurance agent fax a copy to the Board. They understood the scope of the mowing as it was defined in the request for bids. Noreen questioned if any weeding of the garden in the Town Center was required, she was told it was not. There was also a question of the Japanese Knotwood that is growing near the basketball court and again was told that was not a concern of the mowing.

Dave motioned to accept their bid of \$195 a mowing as needed, Howard 2nd; vote was 2-0 and mowing bid awarded to Noreen and Wayne Suriner.

Alan returned to the meeting.

Mail reviewed: the Building Commissioner submitted copies of letters he had sent to various parties in Town for violations.

Noreen Suriner submitted her letter of resignation from the School Committee to the Town Clerk.

Dave DiNicola requested he be able to gift to the Highway Dept. a trailer as he had purchased a new one. Alan motioned to accept the gift, Howard 2nd; vote 2-0 to accept. Board noted they were very thankful for the gift as it will be appreciated by the Dept and the Town.

The Board made the annual appointments next. See attached list. AA to send letters to appointees. Only change made was to appoint AA as Town Administrator, wages at \$15/hr.

Fire Chief Ron Radwich met with the Board and discussed numerous things that are going on in the fire Dept. The new tanker has been used on two separate occasions, once for a fire in Chester and another in Dalton. The Dept is building lockers in the fire house, there were 12 existing, 8 new have been built and another 4 are to be built. 30 air tanks

were sent out for testing, 4 failed and were taken out of service. The air packs are going to be tested next. Ron has purchased back up cameras for the trucks, he felt this was a matter of safety as there are firemen all over at the scene of a fire and the cameras will give the truck operator another safety feature when backing.

The Board then discussed the training and if any of the volunteers are taking the Fire fighter 1 (FF1) course. Ron advised the Dept has been doing outdoor training within the Dept, there are currently no firemen enrolled in the FF1 course. Alan felt this had to be done as a matter of safety and education; he wants to see significant progress toward this goal. All of the firemen are trained as first Responders. There are currently 3 EMT's and one taking the courses.

Hinsdale has invited the Dept to a house burn, this will provide interior firefighting training.

Next discussed was the Chester Theater's use of the auditorium, the Town Hall custodian has made a complaint about the way the auditorium and bathrooms are left. AA will contact Andy Myers of the theater and have him attend the next Board meeting.

Last item was the Cemetery mowing, the Cemetery Commission (CC) sent a letter to the Board requesting Larry Pease, a Commissioner, be paid for the mowing he has done to date while they look for a permanent mower. Larry did not take part in the vote to approve him mowing. The CC requested he be paid at the rate of \$18/hour which is the same rate they have paid in the past. This individual must supply his own mowers and trimmers. The Board voted to accept Larry mowing on a temporary basis on a motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola