

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; David DiNicola
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Anita Myers addressed the board regarding the former landfill on her property. This landfill was used for many years by the Town prior to the Transfer Station being opened. A site assessment had been completed by Huntley Engineering but the DEP never responded to the reports. Joe Kearns said that the HRMS director, Kathleen Casey, is going to follow up with the DEP to see what the status is. Myers would the Town to purchase the site and take it off her hands.

Minutes of 10/13 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0

Minutes of 9/28 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0

Executive Session minutes of Board of Health on 9/29 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0. Minutes to be released at a later date.

Todd Ford, Executive Director of the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) and Lee Frankl met with the Board. Ford reviewed the programs and services that HCOG provides to its member communities. He highlighted the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; this program has various retired experts that are willing to assist the members in numerous areas. There was general discussion regarding HCOG. The Board thanked Todd and Lee for their attendance.

Plumbing bids on the Senior Center were discussed next. Low bid was received from Rida Plumbing. Dave motioned to accept the low bid as long as the work would be completed before colder weather, Alan 2nd; vote 2-0.

Transfer station concrete pads were approved by DEP and Highway Dept. will make forms and have the concrete poured. Also, the Board approved the purchase of a 2nd box for additional storage. The Compactor container has to be repaired and Waste Management quote was approved, also, since it is late in the year they will also paint it. HRMC is having doing their Freon removal from refrigerators, Air conditioning units and dehumidifiers. TA will contact and have Middlefield included in the collection. The HRNC tire collection will be on 11/4.

The repair to the underground oil tank was next item discussed. The only bid received was from Miller Petroleum, bid was requested from Bolduc and TA followed for bid but none was received. This work has to be done before the ground freezes. TA had also attempted to locate additional companies that would do the work to no avail. When prior

work had been done at the highway garage Miller, Bolduc and Renaud were the bidders. Renaud is no longer in business. Alan motioned to accept miller's bid, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0.

Steve Harris, Communication Committee (CC) member, advised the Board the CC had drafter a letter to MBI regarding Middlefield's \$580,000 share of the broadband initiative asking for clarification. The CC would like the Selectboard to also sign the letter. Board members signed the letter.

Also, the CC will be meeting with the Fire Dept., highway, police and emergency management to discuss alternatives to the emergency contact currently provided by Berkshire County.

Snow removal around the Town Hall was also discussed; currently the highway dept plows around the back of the building leaving areas that have to be hand shoveled. This will be addressed further.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised the Board that Arthur Pease road has been paved and he has completed grading of the almost all of the dirt roads.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0. meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

David DiNicola