

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MAY 31, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Robert Costa, Clerk; absent: David DiNicola due to illness.
Also present: Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Animal Control Officer, Terry Donovan, met with the board regarding a complaint she received about the Burmer dogs barking over the weekend. Burmer had notified the Board and neighbors that he would be holding a training session for dogs. There was extended discussion regarding this and it was decided that the next time Burmer has a training scheduled there will be drive-bys and any complaints will be more quickly addressed. It appears this is more of a dispute between two neighbors that may not easily be resolved.

The Town received 3 quotes for the storage container to be placed behind the Town Hall. This will be used for storing article currently in the boiler room that should not be there. The bid accepted was from Kelcon for \$4,350 the other prices were \$5,300 + \$250 shipping from Beeline and \$6,400 +\$450 shipping from The container will have 2 6' roll up overhead doors.

Gita Jozsef, Assessor Chair, met with the Board to have them sign the reevaluation contract. This contract is for \$6,600. alan motioned to accept and sign, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 and contract signed.

Judy Hoag, COA Chair, requested the Board appoint Lois Bell to the COA board as a replacement for Howard Knickerbocker. Judy also requested permission to create a flower bed along the side of the COA building and also purchase some hanging plants for the porch. Both were okayed by the Board.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, advised he had received one applicant for the vacant highway position. That person does have his CD license and medical card. An interview will be scheduled for June 6th at 5:30pm. Skip has also hired 2 people for his summer help, their pay rate will be \$12/hour. They will do weed whacking and other non-skilled jobs.

Communication Committee Chair, Steve Harris, told the Board he believes the pilot program will be approved but the Municipal Light Plant has to have a manager and engineer. Alan motioned to appoint Steve as the manager, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 to appoint Steve. Alan also motioned to appoint Fred Goldstein as engineer, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 to appoint Fred. There was discussion on drafting Requests for Proposals and bids for this project. Also, an informational meeting will be held next Monday at 7pm in the auditorium.

Board members had extended discussion regarding the posting of events on the Town web site as well as the sign out front. This was discussed as a result of Bob meeting with Adair and Tamarin and there request to have a blood drive posted. The discussion also included past issues regarding no trespassing orders against some town residents. They are willing to withdraw the notices and Bob felt it was time to move forward and bury the hatchet. Alan felt that only town events or town sponsored events should be posted and that no private enterprises should be allowed on the web site or sign. This will be discussed further at a future Selectboard meeting.

Carol Waag brought a letter to the Board for support of the Western mass Forest Legacy partnership. This is to place conservation restrictions on lands already in Chapter and restrict development. The board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Robert Costa, Clerk