

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Robert Costa, Clerk; David DiNicola

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll:\$13,704.49; Expenses: \$06,051.47.

Mail reviewed: check for the pilot wireless program was received from MBI.

6:10pm mowing bids to be opened, no bids were received.

6:15pm propane and diesel bids to be opened; one bid received for propane from George Propane in amount of \$1.335 per gallon. This bid is \$.12 less than last year. Alan motioned to accept, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 to accept George Propane bid. Letter to be sent to George's acknowledging bid acceptance.

Diesel bid: one bid received from Mirabito, fixed price if \$2.1401. Alan motioned to accept the fixed price rather than the market price which can fluctuate greatly, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0. Letter to be sent to Mirabito acknowledging bid acceptance and reiterating cost includes all taxes.

Next item on agenda was the postings on the Town web site. Bob spoke first, he felt there was miscommunication regarding the Blood Drive denial based on fact some townspeople are banned from location and that was erroneous. He looked at other Town's web sites and they have various sites that can be gotten from the town's site. Some of the towns have a disclaimer stating these sites are independent from the town's site. He felt this could be done with Middlefield's web site.

Dave agreed with Bob and used the Dalton web site as an example, you just have to click on Community and there are lots of links including churches, colleges, etc. it gives visitors an idea of what's happening in the area.

Alan reiterated what Bob said, but there is also the Doctrine of Equal access so the Town has to be careful of what is posted. Town Counsel said there has to be a strong distinction between the public and private sites. Alan has no problem with a Community link.

Ray Gero then stood and said the American Flag is on the wrong side of the table and he wanted it moved immediately. After brief discussion, Bob moved the flag. No one on the board was aware of this as the flag had been in the same position for years.

As far as the sign goes, Alan said if it is a Town sponsored or supported event, it can go on the sign. Dave also stated it has to be town or government event.

Chris Bresnahan asked about church events and was told it could be part of the Community page. Ray Gero then questioned the grant that was obtained for the sign and that he saw the Democratic Caucus posted on the sign.

Marin felt the town was mean spirited toward her and her business and it was not fair.

Bob said it could not go on the main page of the Town web site and it was time to stop the BS. Marin said that being fair to her would be unfair to the other organizations that wanted to use the sign or web page.

There was further discussion and Adair stated that 90% of the appointed Town officials can't be impartial. Judy Hoag totally disagreed and said the issues are created by the people not the Town government.

In Open Forum, Maureen Sullivan questioned the by-laws and how the wireless tower would fit into the current By-Law regarding set back, Special Permit, etc she was given permission to speak with Town Counsel regarding her questions.

Laura Lafreniere requested permission to use the Town Hall for the Tanglewood runners. Tanglewood offers a concert for the Town in return for the hospitality shown to the runners.

Alan motioned to adjourn the Selectboard meeting and to open a board of Health meeting at 7:30pm; the Selectboard meeting will not be reconvened. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Robert Costa, Clerk

David DiNicola