

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:02pm

Present: David DiNicola; Denis Basak
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

New board member, Denis Basak, was welcomed to the Selectboard.

New chair was needed since the resignation of Alan Vint. Denis nominated Dave, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0.

Warrants reviewed, Dave explained the process to Denis and warrants were signed.
Payroll: \$9,472.60; Expenses: \$7,460.07 & \$9,165.51.

Dave approved minutes of last board meeting, August 1, 2016.

Mail reviewed, Board approved draft of letter regarding Howard Knickerbocker's Open Meeting complaint. TA will notify Town counsel.

ZBA appointments were on agenda; Mary Courtney, Maureen Sullivan and Mitch Feldmesser were interested in the 2 open positions. Mitch is already an alternate. Dave motioned to appoint Mary Courtney, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0. Dave then motioned to appoint Maureen Sullivan, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0. TA will send letters to both advising of appointments.

Middlefield Fair building permit was discussed next; when the Fair erected the Brian Miller Pavilion no permit was taken out. Confusion among members led them to believe the "other" person pulled the permit. The cost of the permit is \$150 and the fine for not having the permit is also \$150 for a total of \$300. After a brief discussion and acknowledging all the work Brian did for the Town Dave motioned to waive all fees, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0.

Dave addressed the high speed wireless status. Currently everything is on hold as the 2 bids received were much higher than expected for the installation of the tower. There are some outstanding vendor bills for some of the work already performed including legal fees from Town counsel in putting the bid package together. Dave is still attempting to obtain some of the information Alan had prior to his resignation. There was additional discussion regarding the rates charged for engineering and MLP manager. Wage rate should have been established prior to authorizing and hourly time sheets should have been required. There were contract addendums that the Board was not aware of also. Board will also address excessive contact with Town Counsel, policy and procedures will be discussed to avoid future abuses. Denis also had some concerns but felt the current wireless project may have some viable components. There will be discussions with MBI regarding payment of some of the outstanding bills.

Judy Hoag advised that the Middlefield Days event is scheduled for October 15th with a rain date of October 16th. There will be events in the center of Town and probably a bon fire in the fire pit behind the Town Hall. She also advised the Town flag has been completed and hopes to have an unveiling ceremony during Middlefield Days.

Dave motioned to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting and open a board of Health meeting and not reconvene the Selectboard meeting, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Board of Health meeting opened at 7:25pm with all present.

Meeting held to discuss and vote on Tight Tank system for Joseph Dussault and approve septic design submitted by the Hudson's.

Dave is satisfied with Dussault's request for the tight tank. He will have to file documents with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds stating tank exists and his dwelling is a seasonal dwelling.

Dave motioned to allow, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0.

TA will advise Health Agent Jackie Duda of approval.

Hudson's plan was also approved on motion by Dave, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0. DEP was involved in this matter and their questions regarding siting have been answered by the septic designer.

Dave motioned to adjourn, Denis 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease

Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Denis Basak