

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2017

Meeting opened at 6:04pm

Present: Denis Basak; Judith Hoag;
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)
Absent: David DiNicola, Chair

Judy motioned to appoint Denis as Temporary Chair. Denis 2nd; vote 2-0

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$12,947.02; Expenses: \$2,756.50 and \$162,067.52.

Minutes approved on motion by Denis, Judy 2nd; vote 2-0.

Mail reviewed: letter from Mass Commission on Disability regarding available grants for making premises handicap accessible. TA to follow with PVPC to see if areas identified in Town survey last year would qualify.

Free Cash has be certified and is \$171,048.

Town Report, Judy suggested dedicating to the Fire Dept., Denis agreed it would be good idea. Photo of department members will be used for cover. TA to check with Emergency Management Director, Ann Marie Visconti, to see if all is in place for using Town Hall as emergency shelter.

Finance Chair, Joe Kerns, will be at Selectboard Meeting next Monday to review ATM Warrant with Board. Also, will have warrant for Special Town Meeting to cover additional Vocational Education costs as 2 amore students were enrolled and town was notified by Gateway.

Fire Chief, Ron Radwich, advised the Board that grant he applied for to purchase new air packs was “in the pipeline” but no assurance that it will be granted. A number of grants are being reviewed. He also requested an article in the ATM Warrant requesting an additional \$10,000 to cover any increased costs in case the grant is awarded, if it is not awarded the money would not be used.

Planning Board met with Selectboard and presented changes to current by-laws. These addressed the Residence-Based Business By-Law and Special Permit Granting Authority. Board will review and meet with Planning Board next Monday. There was discussion on status of many by-laws that have been passed by town vote and not online and question if all have been approved by Attorney General’s office. These will be reviewed by Town Clerk, TA and Planning Board.

Judy felt Veterans' Agent should put notices in country Journal advising Town Veterans of possible benefits that are available to them. TA will speak with agent regarding this.

Wally Smith questioned status of the Hudson lawsuit that had been filed a couple of years ago, he was advised matter was settled and no payments were made by town. Wally also said he heard the Hudson's were suing former Board member, Alan Vint. This was news to all, there have been no suit papers received by the Town as Alan would be covered under the Town's insurance policy.

Denis motioned to adjourn, July 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Denis Basak, Temporary Chair

Judith Hoag