

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JULY 31, 2017

Meeting opened at 6:01pm

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Judith Hoag
Duane Pease, town Administrator

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$7,439.10; Expenses: \$12,035.57 and \$164.25

Board signed entertainment license for Middlefield Fair, fee waived.

Board next met with Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery. Home Rule petition allowing for a 3 year appointment has been signed by the Governor. Dave motioned to appoint Skip for 3 years effective 7/1/17, appointment to run through 6/20/20, Judy 2nd; vote 2-0. Skip advised board he will be replacing culvert on Reservoir Road, replacing brake pedal on the grader and he has given additional fill to Venditti's. His summer help will be working for another 3 weeks before they have to return to College, he will have them do additional roadside trimming. He also checked with Becket on the operation of their transfer station, they have one full-time and 2 part-time employees at the transfer station, the part-timers rotate so there are always 2 workers present.

Treasurer had questions regarding the raises for the highway employees. Skip and Matt were to get \$1/hour raises and a 2% raise for Chris. To clarify, Judy motioned for the \$1/hour for Skip and Matt and 2% for Chris, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0.

Eleanor Doyle asked the Board to appoint 3 new members to the Historical Commission as they will replace 2 members who have passed away and Howard Knickerbocker who resigned. Appointed for 3 years were: Eleanor Doyle and Priscilla Suriner and Tamarin Laurel-Payne were appointed for 2 years on a motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 2-0.

Minutes of 7/5; 7/10 and 7/17 were approved on a motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 2-0.

Personnel Policy will be reviewed at a later date.

Judy said that she had been in contact with Charlie Karp as he is interested in the Slocum property that the Town owns. Dave said he had contacted the State Forester, Sean, and Mass Fish and Wildlife may be interested as they own adjoining property. He has sent the info on to them, if fish and wildlife is interested, they will pay face value for the property.

Dave motioned to raise the hourly rate for the Town Administrator to \$16/hour, there was brief discussion and Judy 2nd; vote 2-0.

Judy motioned the Town waive the fee for the installation of a new door on the church, Dave agreed and 2nd; vote 2-0.

Judy next questioned why Assessor Tamarin laurel-Paine and Patricia Baker were at the Town hall with no one else present. There was discussion regarding this and Dave said she can come in if she wants, Judy's concern was the pending legal action filed by the Baker's and what, if any, information was shared.

Dave said he will be meeting with Bill Enin of MBI on Wednesday.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2nd and meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag