

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Judith Hoag; Albert Sirard
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Pole hearing at request of Eversource and Verizon: request to relocate two poles on Chester Road needed for the replacement of the Smart Brook Bridge. Esther Balardini represented Eversource. She explained the need for moving the poles and advised land owner there would be minimal impact to any vegetation. There were no questions to this request. Dave motioned to allow the poles to be moved, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0. Board signed the request. Dave motioned to close the Pole Hearing, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0 and hearing closed at 6:06pm.

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$8,332.13; Expenses: \$23,621.09

Mail reviewed: letter from ZBA reviewed; there was confusion with Building Commissioner and ZBA when BC gave building permit while ZBA had yet to rule. ZBA would like better communication between boards and suggested they be notified by personal email, it was explained that if their person emails were used for Town business they could be susceptible to court order and all of their emails would be at risk. It was suggested that they contact Web Master and have ZBA email installed on their computers so they would have access to the Town email system.

Next item was the Assessor's request to have the Board approve the legal agreement so Assessors can proceed with the Appellant Tax case involving the Bakers. There was discussion and Al felt the Town would be spending money they did not have to as this could be concluded in an informal hearing rather than a formal hearing. Dave said the assessors are doing their job and he did not want to micromanage and the board should agree with the opinion of the assessors and recommendation of the DOR. Appointed assessor, Karen Tonelli, suggested this attorney as she has worked with her in the past and had great success. After further discussion, Dave motioned to accept the legal recommendation of the assessors with a \$5,000 cap, Judy 2nd; vote 2-1 with Al voting no.

Position of Emergency Medical Director had been posted on web site with no responses except for Ann Marie Visconti. Dave motioned to appoint her, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

Board okayed TA contacting roofing company to inspect Town Hall roof as it half way through its 20 year warranty.

Brief discussion of financial audit recommended by Tom Scanlon of Scanlon associates. Will discuss further at next meeting, article would have to be on ATM warrant to appropriate money for this audit.

Animal Control Officer, Terry Donovan, met with Board to discuss dog by-law she would like on the ATM. She explained, this would update the current by-law and bring the Town more in step with other towns in the area.

Board agreed and it will be placed on the ATM warrant.

ATM warrant was reviewed further, including increase sought by Treasurer. Dave and Judy met with financial heads on Saturday and treasurer explained the increase was not a raise but funds for someone to handle the Tax Title properties as she is far behind and does not see how she can do this. This will also discussed further by the Board.

Rest of ATM warrant was reviewed with no further changes or recommendations.

New business: Al said he had spoken with the Chester Fire Chief and they have 25 members and respond to two stations. The firemen are equipped with gloves, helmets and turnout gear. Not all are supplied with air packs as not all of the firemen would enter a burning building at the same time.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard