

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Albert Sirard; Judith Hoag arrived at 6:08pm
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$16,043.28; Expenses: \$13,545.26.

Bid opening for diesel fuel and propane.

Diesel: only one bid received; Mirabito bid \$1.9489/gal delivered, all taxes included.
After brief discussion, Judy motioned to accept, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0. TA to advise Mirabito.

Propane: one bid received from Amerigas but bid was not a fixed price as directed in the bid request. Bid was rejected and TA will check with current provider as no bid received.

Selectboard meeting suspended and Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:30pm on motion by Judy, Al 2nd; vote 3-0.

Selectboard meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

Andy Myers, chair of the Hilltown Collaborative and also involved in the change of the budget of the Gateway Regional School spoke to the board about the MARS bills that have been presented to the town for payment. It was agreed that the bills would be split 7 ways with the 6 GRSD towns and Gateway each paying an equal share. After much discussion regarding the positive results of the MARS meetings, the addition of an all day pre-school which they hope will draw young families to the area Dave motioned to pay Middlefield's portion, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery met with the board, he has ordered signs for the Chester Road intersection and Children playing on River Road. He also informed the board of an accident on Friday night on Chester Road. The car went down and embankment and the driver did suffer injuries but not known how serious. Skip has contacted Commonwealth Guardrail to give a quote on placing guard rail in that are. It will be paid with Chapter 90 funds.

Paperwork authorizing the town's share of the Economic Development Director was signed by Dave.

Minutes of June 4th approved with changes on motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

Mail: report received from Independent Roofing on condition of Town Hall roof; roof is in good condition but should be power washed. Roof is 1-0 years old and half way through its guaranteed life.

Board received an acknowledgement of becoming a Purple Heart Community from the Mass Senate courtesy of our senator, Adam Hinds..

Ne business: Judy recommended Wayne Suriner for the vacant maintenance position; he could do some of the work at the Senior Center. She had asked him if he'd be interested and he said yes. Judy motioned to appoint Wayne for the remainder of this year and next year also, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0.

Dave spoke with Sue Kelly, Adams Bank regarding the interest rate and switching some of the accounts to Adams Bank.

TA advised there will be a meeting next week to make the appointments for FT'19.

Also, TA said the Slocum lot should also be included in the Tax Title auction, this is not in tax title but owned by the Town since the 1030's. This parcel is landlocked and the recent timber inspection found the timber is not worth harvesting. There should be interest form abutting land owners in Middlefield as well as Chester since this parcel straddles the Town lines. Al motioned to include, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0. TA will advise Tax Title custodian of this addition.

Dave motioned to adjourn, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard