

Selectboard Minute  
June 25, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Alan Vint, Clerk  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant  
Absent: Mitch Feldmesser

Warrants were reviewed and approved with exception of legal bill submitted by Kopelman & Paige, further review of hours is necessary and Noreen is going to speak with Len Kopelman about the billing.

Expense warrant: \$19,260.20; payroll: \$12,087.73

Contract with Allied Waste for transportation of waste from transfer station was signed. This was secured by bid proposal sent out by HRMC.

RFP for the solar installation at the Town Hall was signed.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Mail reviewed and request of Adair Laurel-Cafarella for key to lock at the transfer station gate so he can access land in the rear. It is believed he has a right-of-way through this land. Board will need to see documentation and then will give him a key. He will be responsible for the times he uses the right-of-way. Board would also like to know what his plans are for this land.

7:25pm, Mitch Feldmesser arrived at meeting.

Police Chief Appointment was taken up next; Alan motioned to reappoint Tom Austin, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote was 3-0 to reappoint.

Emergency Management Director: Noreen motioned to appoint Bob Hoynoski, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob was present and review of duties and responsibilities were discussed. Vote was 3-0 to appoint.

Highway Superintendent: Alan motioned to reappoint skip Savery, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>; no discussion, vote was 3-0 to reappoint.

Health Agent: Mitch motioned to reappoint Jackie Duda, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>; no discussion vote was 3-0 to reappoint.

Building Commissioner: Alan motioned to reappoint Gerry Garner, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, vote was 3-0 to reappoint.

Fire Chief Appointment was next.

Noreen said she was impressed with all 3 candidates that interviewed and the work they had done for the Town.

Alan was concerned about the process and if the Town had accepted the General acts of Chapter 291, 1916 and CH 140, 1917. If these were accepted it gives structure to the appointment and was not just cut and dry, the candidates needed to have more technical knowledge. He suggested the Fire Dept recommend a Chief and present it to the Selectboard for approval and appointment.

Noreen felt this was not appropriate but would appreciate the Dept's input. With the new members, training was needed.

Mitch felt he wanted the dept involved in training and not politicking. And for the sake of discussion assume the Town did not accept the Acts.

Alan said the current chief has on management style while the other 2 applicants have a different style and vision of the dept going forward.

Noreen said there is a definite need for training as the Town can be held liable for failing to properly train the members. She felt of the 3, Ron Radwich was more organized and had a definite vision for the dept.

Noreen motioned to appoint Ron Radwich Chief Fire, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Short discussion followed. The Board believes the Fire Dept wants to go in a different direction, the Chief needs to be involved in the State and Regional activities that are available.  
Vote was 3-0 to appoint Ron Radwich Fire Chief.

Letters will be sent to all regarding the Fire Chief appointment.

Next item discussed was an audit of the Town's books, it has been 3 years since the last audit. A bid proposal will be posted when the current Fiscal Year is closed.

Ray Gero asked the Board about the steps in obtaining a Class II dealers license as he was interested. He was given an application.

Administrative Assistant gave the Board an update on the increased costs of the Fire & Police Accident coverage. It was decided to keep coverage as is due to the budget that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. AA was to check on possibility of increasing coverages during the year.

Noreen said Mass Broadband is going to have an engineer drop a fiber optic line in the Town Hall; she was not sure where it was to go.

Alan said it will be in the utility closet in the auditorium.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, told the Board 3 bidders had showed interest in bidding on the new truck. The bids are to be opened on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and awarded on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

He has received 3 applications in response to the job posting for an additional employee for the Highway Dept plus he has had a couple of inquiries. Requirements are a CDL and hoister licenses.

He has continued to work on the dirt roads, pulling shoulders and dressing them up.

Skip also advised the Board he will be going in for knee replacement on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Noreen said she is looking for forestry planning grants as well as a grant for an additional solar site.

Alan would like to speak with Ron Berenson to get an update on the tax takings as well as the possibility of taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> property next to the former General Store. Maryann Walsh had suggested taking the house which is in the Historic District for possible use as a combination library, museum and gallery. There was general discussion and since the house is not a Brown Field site he will find out what Ron thinks of it and the costs associated with the taking.

Preliminary discussion regarding Maryann Walsh's request to operate a General Store at her location and it was agreed to get all the Boards, Commissions and Committees together at the next Selectboard Meeting, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, this will avoid confusion as she goes forward with her request.

Eric Weiss will be asked to provide an update on the Green Grant proposals.

Gerry Garner will be asked for an updated report on his work load.

Sherri Venditti asked to have the following appointed to the Kitchen Committee: Michelle Klemesewski, Laurie LaFreniere, Kim Savery and herself.

Noreen motioned to appoint, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was 3-0 to appoint.

The Committee will have to meet with the Health Agent, Jackie Duda.

Noreen said the Board will have to decide on the letter to Marie Pease.

Alan motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the recent developments in the Harry Pease Road legal situation and to reconvene the open session of the Selectboard Meeting. Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vote: Noreen, AYE; Alan, AYE; Mitch, AYE

Open meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Meeting was reconvened at 9:46 with Noreen and Mitch present.

Letter to Marie Pease was composed.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was 2-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser

