

Selectboard Minutes  
November 5, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

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

Bob Hoynoski, Emergency Management Director, reported to the board regarding the results of the storm Sandy. A State of Emergency was declared at 4:30pm on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. As the storm was well publicized, there were meetings with all departments in Town. Power went out at approximately 3:45pm and was not restored until later in the day on the 30<sup>th</sup>. A number of firemen manned the station throughout the duration of the storm; this was so they could react immediately to any emergency that may have occurred and to also provide information to residents. Overall, the Town was spared any major damage.

Building Commissioner, Gerry Garner, advised the Board, his assistant, Al, has been having some medical issues and not able to assist him. Also, Gerry's wife has had medical issues and he has not been able to put much of a dent into the backlog of issues he inherited. He is mostly dealing with current issues, inspecting properties during the building process, issuing permits and other follow-ups that are necessary. He had denied the Hudson's their building permit; they can use the building as a garage but not spend weekends in it. There is still no water available and thus the permitting process stops. The Crepeau property has no frontage and no building permit will be issued to him. Since the building is over 5 years old it will be allowed but an occupancy permit will not be issued. Gerry also said the "campground" has an accessory building that should have never been allowed, that whole situation is a mess and he has to choose and pick what he can attack.

He was questioned regarding the Class II auto permits and advised the applicants should produce their State license. The State Police would come out and inspect any person applying for a license and certify the garage. Also discussed was the junk car situation at many locations in town. Gerry said many people look at these as treasures and not junk and it can be very difficult to resolve these situations.

Alan questioned if he was being too precise in handling the permit applications. Gerry felt he was confident in his duties and he was following the law in either granting or denying. The Board thanked him for his attendance.

Minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved on 3-0 votes.

John Jones has expressed an interest in being appointed Animal Inspector, he will be requested to meet with the Board in the future, he would replace Mary Wheeler who has recently moved out of state.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will choose an alternate member and advise the Selectboard so that person can be appointed.

There was a general discussion regarding an Executive Session to be held during the next Board meeting. Noreen wants to reflect on the conversations the Board had during an Executive Session with Town Counsel. There was to have been an open meeting with the citizens to bring them up-to-date on the situation with Harry Pease Road. Alan felt the Board had agreed on a date and time to meet with the residents and advise them of a possible resolution to the situation. Mitch stated it was a tentative date and time and that the Board should hold an Executive Session to further discuss.

The list of priority projects for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be sent to Erica Johnson. This is the list she had previously presented to the Board.

Patricia Baker voiced her concerns over the lack of information on the Harry Pease Road lawsuit. The Townspeople are paying the bills and it would be nice to have more information about the current status. She was advised that negotiations were ongoing and any information given now might possibly weaken the Town's position. She understood and did not want to do that.

Eleanor Doyle presented the Board with a the proposed sidewalk entrance to the library. The walk would go from the existing driveway to the rear door, be 6' wide and would not encroach upon the trees in front of the Town Hall or their root system.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes.

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser