

Select Board Meeting Nov 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Noreen Suriner, Chair, at 7:00 PM.
Present Board members: Noreen Suriner, Alan Vint, Mitch Feldfesser
Absent: Duane Pease, Admin. Asst

The Board approved and signed Payroll Warrant # WP11 in the amount of \$11,370.65
The Board approved and signed Warrant #14 in the amount of \$89,490.15

Guests: Eric Weiss (HCCOG) and Andrew Kurtz (Paradise Energy)
Eric updated the Board on Green Communities projects and provided a proposed timetable, spending plan, and draft specs for various projects. Work on the town hall solar project is awaiting final approval by WMECO on the proposed interconnection. WMECO is dealing with a backlog, there is no known problem with the application, but Andrew has now heard from them to schedule a conference call so he believes things will start moving soon. The conference call between WMECO, Paradise, and the Board is scheduled for 12/6/12 at 9 AM with Noreen representing the Board. Joe Kearns suggested the panel installation work could proceed ahead of WMECO approval as they aren't involved with that aspect. Andrew advised that isn't his company's policy, however, he will look into the possibility.

Noreen moved to request Paradise to proceed with the ground work for the solar installation asap rather than waiting for WMECO approval. Alan seconded, voted all in favor.

Eric spoke with DOER re: solar compactors. They are aware that the units may not be practical for small towns and are amenable to the units being given to a school provided the transaction is properly documented. Noreen moved that Middlefield make available (2) "Big Belly" solar compactors to the Chester Elementary School. Mitch seconded, voted all in favor.

Eric delivered the HCCOG invoice for his work on the solar bid, as allowed for in the grant specs. He will talk with contractors about the possibility of town hall ceiling work being done under the Green Communities Program.

Jonathon Jones, candidate for Inspector of Animals, did not appear.

Susan Baker Donnelly suggests the town needs a handy man to take care of small issues in town buildings as they crop up, ie: Senior Center toilet plumbing problem and "awnings" above the doors that flap in the wind. The Board agrees and will put the issue on the agenda for their next meeting. In the meantime, by unanimous consent, the Board authorized Susan to go ahead and have urgently needed work done.

The Board expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jack Baylis who is in the hospital. Alan will contact a possible "fill-in" candidate for town hall maintenance provided to him by Marin Laurel.

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Alan expressed concern about old mail in the Electrical Inspector's box, Noreen with follow up with him.

Noreen invited Skip and Ron to attend an emergency management meeting on Dec. 6 in Hatfield.

Skip Savery advised that someone had hit the Bancroft bridge and caused significant damage. He'll make temporary repairs now and plan to make full repairs in the spring.

Howard Knickerbocker expressed concern about the possibility of the north-south portion of Harry Pease Rd being used for logging access while the status of the road is the subject of a lawsuit. Skip advised that a driveway permit would be required and Alan advised that the Conservation Commission would also get involved if wetlands are involved.

Marge Batorski, Town Clerk, advised that there are multiple designations for properties on River Rd, including East River Rd and E. River Rd ... sometimes people living at the same address are recorded with different street names.

8:25 PM Alan moved to suspend the BOS meeting in order to convene a brief Board of Health meeting. Mitch seconded, voted all in favor.

Minutes of Board of Health Meeting Nov 26, 2012

The meeting was convened at 8:26 PM. Alan advised that the Conservation Commission had come across additional outhouses on the Hudson Property. Charlie Kaniecki (MA Dept Public Health) suggested the town's Health Agent inspect. Noreen moved to ask Agent Jackie Duda to inspect. Alan seconded, voted all in favor. Noreen moved to adjourn the BOH meeting, Alan seconded, voted all in favor. The BOH meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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At 8:28 PM the Select Board meeting re-convened. Alan moved to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL c.30A, Sec 21-3. The Board will not re-convene in Open Session following. Noreen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Board members voting as follows: Noreen Suriner~ Aye, Mitch Feldmesser~ Aye, Alan Vint~ Aye. The Open Session of the Select Board meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sherri Venditti.

Approved by:

