

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
May 6, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Clerk; Howard Knickerbocker
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Mitch Feldmesser, had called and advised he would not be back to attend meeting until approximately 8pm.

There were no warrants to sign.

New member to Board is Howard Knickerbocker.

Howard motioned to appoint Alan as Chair; Alan 2nd, vote 2-0 in favor.

Alan motioned to appoint Howard as Clerk, Howard 2nd, vote 2-0 in favor.

Board reviewed the MIIA recommendations presented based on a recent safety inspection (See attached). Many of the items were general housekeeping issues and some of the other items are addressed in the Green Grant and will be completed during the grant process. Much of the clutter mentioned will be cleared immediately.

Howard motioned the Town Clerk check to see if the Board of Assessors has the authority to appoint the Assessors' Clerk. Alan 2nd, vote 2-0.
Howard also said he would look through the last 26 years of Town Reports and report his findings to the Board.

Alan questioned Joe Kearns, former Selectman, regarding the Council on Aging and how it came into being.

Joe said he was not sure and doesn't remember and if it was ever defined by the Town.

Alan also said there is to be a meeting on the solar installation on Thursday. One issue raised by an email from Curt Robie, is the repair of the basketball hoop that was damaged by one of the workers when he backed into it. This incident was witnessed by Alan and Joe. The repairs are to be done properly; the blacktop surface will have to be cut with a diamond saw, the pole straightened and then re-blacktopped. Also, there are grading and seeding that has to be completed.

The Administrative Assistant (AA) will contact Joe Boudreau of DOR to see if the insurance deductible on the recent cost of the lawsuit can be paid under the Town's Insurance Account as there is money available in that account.

The AA will also send a letter to MIIA requesting a copy of the defense bill from the original firm that defended the Town. This bill will be reviewed for duplication of effort

and costs for any contacts between the firm and Kopelman & Paige who finished the defense for the Town when coverage was denied.

The AA also advised he had sent legal notices to the Country Journal to post for mowing the Town properties for the next fiscal year as well as requesting persons interested in the Handyman position to forward resumes. The 2 persons that previously responded will be contacted to see if they are still interested and that they will not have to re-apply if interested.

Alan would also like a list of appointed positions posted on the board outside Town Hall and request anyone interested in serving submit a letter to the Board.

Alan also felt there was a lack of communication involving what the Board was doing and the residents. The Country Journal does not have a reporter attending the meetings and there should be some way of getting the news into the paper. Discussion followed and perhaps a list of topics could be put together and submitted. The drawback is the news would be delayed a week as the deadline for the paper is the earlier that the Selectboard meeting.

Howard motioned to adjourn, Alan 2nd; vote was 2-0 and meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk