

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Meeting opened at 5:33pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; David DiNicola
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Warrants reviewed and signed. Payroll: \$8,454.40; Expenses: \$30,562.80 & \$152.80

Minutes approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0.

Mail reviewed: Hudson's refused to sign the latest release regarding the ongoing litigation.
Alan will discuss further with Town Counsel and minor rewrite will be done.

ZBA would like Town Counsel (TC) to be present at a hearing scheduled for The Preserve as this issue is complex and critical to future enforcement of Zoning regulations. Board agreed that TC would be proper for this issue.

Transfer Station attendant, Kathy O'Brien, advised the Waste Management truck struck the compactor and did damage. Kathy has contacted Kathleen Casey at HRMC regarding this.

Police Chief, Tom Austin, told the Board he has spent some time on Arthur Pease Road while doing radar patrols and did not hear any dogs barking. This was in regard to a previous complaint filed by some neighbors of the Burmer's.

Eric Nakajima, Director of Massachusetts Broadband Institute met with the Board to discuss MBI and what its purpose and duties are. There was extensive discussion with the Board, members of the Communication Committee and residents.

MBI is in charge of the financial monies that were designated for providing high speed internet to non-served communities. They will provide technical and legal support for the towns as well as distribute the funds fairly. WiredWest is one of the organizations that is proposing to install and operate these systems. WiredWest is proposing to run fiber optic cable to each house, to do this, it would require the Towns to build the infrastructure and then turn over ownership to WiredWest. Eric advised there are other options available that might include constructing a hard wired and wireless hybrid system. These are some options towns may want to explore in an attempt to lower construction costs. MBI has already provided funds to the Town for an update on the previous hybrid study that was done.

Nakajima stated that some towns have already gone out on their own and constructed high speed services and that this could be a model for other towns to follow. Discussion continued and Nakajima

answered numerous questions and was very supportive of Middlefield's efforts to come up with an alternative solution to providing last mile broadband.

Alan motioned to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting but have the discussion on broadband continue, Dave 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

David
DiNicola