

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; David DiNicola; Robert Costa

Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$10,548.12; Expenses: \$16,539.63

Minutes of 4/11/16 approved on motion by Alan, Bob 2nd; vote 3-0

Minutes of 4/19/16 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0

Mail reviewed: letter from Attorney Anop regarding dog hearing. Alan will review and respond.

Mowing bid for FY'17 reviewed and approved. TA will have it published in Country Journal. Current mower will be contacted for mowing approval.

Diesel bid also reviewed and approved, will also be published in Country Journal and TA will mail specs to former providers.

Discussion with Board on recent phone conference with MBI technical reps, Alan and Steve Harris of Communication Committee. MBI would like to see pilot costs reduced and questioned various components, this was explained by Steve as to what and why. There was a double entry of costs which reduced cost by \$6,000. Also, design and engineering costs would be reduced as Fred Goldstein has done much of the engineering already. Town would like to have the design and engineering costs merged with construction costs so the total amount of MBI dollars would allow for complete construction of Town's system.

Additional discussion concerned what would work or would not work and how the wireless systems in Warwick and Royalston compared to Middlefield.

Sherrri Venditti advised the board she had facts from Carlson's shareholder's meeting that indicated they were looking for investor's to finance some of their wireless research and development.

Next item discussed was the property located next to the Town Hall, 193 Skyline Trail. This property is advertised on Realtor.com for \$24,000, it was foreclosed on this winter and the bank is attempting to sell. Property had been inspected for possible Town use. The property needs considerable work and does not appear to be financially feasible for the Town.

Also discussed was the possibility of searching for grants for various Town projects. TA will contact Erica at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Bernie Kubiak at Hampshire Council of Governments for assistance.

Annual Town Meeting Warrants were signed and given to Town Clerk for posting by a constable.

Bob motioned to adjourn Selectboard meeting and not reconvene and to move into a Board of Health meeting to discuss the Dowsey property, Alan 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

BOH meeting opened at 8:19pm all present.

The Health Agent, Jackie Duda, has been in contact with the Attorney General's (AG) office regarding placing the Dowsey property in receivership. This would entail the AG securing interested parties for the receivership and then having the court appoint the receiver. There are currently 3 contractors that are interested and on question they have is whether they could demolish the property and then sell it as a lot. The Board does not have a problem with it being demolished. According to Mass law, any liens on the property would be satisfied as follows: Town for taxes and any other fees; Receiver for their costs; lien holders; and then any excess funds would go to the property owner. More information will be obtained on this and hopefully an attorney with the AG's office will speak to the board.

Alan motioned to adjourn the BOH meeting, Bob 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

David DiNicola

Robert Costa

