

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2016

Meeting opened at 5:30pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Robert Costa, Clerk

Duane Pease, Town Administrator; Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent

Absent: David DiNicola

Board interviewed Christopher Isner for the open Highway position. Skip read questions that were posed to all prior applicants. Isner had no problems with pay rate, overtime. He is currently working for Asplundh Tree and is looking for work closer to home. He has his CDL and Hoister Licenses as well as his medical card.

Skip had previously checked his references and all would recommend him for the position. Board asked him to step outside while discussion of his application. After short discussion, Alan and Bob agreed he was the person to hire. Isner was brought back in and offered the position which he accepted. He will give his 2 week notice on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mowing of Town properties was discussed next, there were no bids for the mowing. Town to look into purchasing mowers and weed whacker and having the Highway summer help do the mowing. This will be possible as the storage container will be able to keep the mowers under cover and secure. Further discussion at next Board meeting.

Vocational Education transport agreement was received from Town of Chester covering Middlefield. Agreement costs will be based on actual number of students from each town. Alan and Bob signed.

Police and fire insurance next item, there was discussion on self-funding any wages over the \$500 limit the Town currently has. It was agreed to keep the limit at \$500 and further discuss to see how many active members there are on the Fire Dept.'s volunteer list.

DEP has sent letter for Chair to sign regarding the transfer station and the use of the area for the wireless tower. They are also requesting a site plan, the site plan can be a rough drawing at this time. Alan signed.

Community Compact agreement was discussed. Looking for two representative from each town and one should be a Selectman. Alan agreed to represent and Joe Kearns as Finance Chair agreed to be second representative. Town Administrator (TA) will be the alternate. Alan motioned to sign the agreement, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0 and Alan signed.

Board member David DiNicola arrived at 6:10pm.

Ann Marie Visconti advised the Board that Berkshire Planning would be willing to come to town to organize volunteers so everyone would know what to do during an emergency and that way confusion and duplication could be limited. This will be done at a future date.

Steve Harris, Communication Chair, brought contract to board for the wireless tower bid requests. After discussion Alan motioned to sign, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0 with Dave abstaining.

Dave also mentioned he called Scott Will regarding mowing the town properties and had not received a call back from him.

Alan brought to the Board a question of granting health insurance to Kathy O'Brien. Some thought she was already covered. Kathy works numerous jobs for the Town but does not always have enough hours to obtain insurance. The board was all in favor. TA will contact Kathy and go over health insurance options with her.

MBI and the wireless internet were discussed next. Dave suggested another informational meeting. This would include Fred Goldstein as well as Bill Ennen from MBI. There were questions regarding the funding from MBI, engineering vs construction, where money for a reserve fund would be coming, etc. Alan advised he had spoken with Sean Cronin and Boston wants to partner with the small towns and make high speed internet happen. This will part of the discussion at the informational meeting.

The Board then went to making appointments to board, committees, commissions and individual appointments. All were done on motions by Alan with the exception of any position to appoint him. See the attached list for all appointments.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Robert Costa, Clerk

David DiNicola