

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; David DiNicola

Selectman Robert Costa had submitted his resignation from the Selectboard.

Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$7,272.20; Expenses: \$43,076.16 & \$37,249.76.

Minutes of 6/6/16 proved on motion by Alan, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0.

Minutes of 6/20/16 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0.

Board of Health minutes of 6/20/16 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0.

Minutes of 6/27/16 approved on motion by Alan, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0.

Mail reviewed: Franklin Regional Transportation sent agreement for transportation for FY'17. Town did not use this service last year and will continue to transport on its own.

Joe Kearns updated on the Community Compact, it is moving ahead and MassDevelopment is on board for the economic development portion of the Compact. A bus trip is planned for 7/14 to have members tour each town's economic properties and possible tourist destinations.

Fire Chief Ron Radwich met with the Board to review the Fire and Police coverages for this year. There was a question on the number of members of the dept. Ron advised that his number is correct. Although they all do not show up for each incident, they are active and respond to various situations. Town will keep the \$500 maximum for lost wages in case of an injury while acting as a volunteer.

The Town mowing was next on the agenda. There were no bids received for the mowing and discussion was regarding the purchase of a ride on mower, push mower and weed whacker. Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, said if the Town purchased, he could use his summer help to do the mowing. When summer help is not available Kathy O'Brien said she could do the mowing. The best way to purchase the mowers would be to use the State bids. Skip will check for this equipment. In the meantime, Brennan Foley may be willing to do the mowing using his own equipment. Brennan is one of the summer help and also mows the church in the center of Town.

The Town Center Committee (TCC) was discussed next; many members were present at this meeting. Alan said the next steps are planning, fund raising and being more proactive and being involved on a regular basis. Jay Swift, Chair of the TCC said their initial goals were to deal with the DEP lien and determine what the future of the site would be. He said it is time to move forward and taking the former General Store down was the way to go as it was not financially feasible to rehabilitate it. He was asking the Selectboard (SB) for guidance. He also felt there should be a Town Meeting to obtain ideas for the site.

Dave said there needs to be a plan in place before the Town seeks grant moneys. There was discussion between the S/B and TCC regarding various uses, what to do with the empty lot, salvaging the adjacent house. Would compact funds be available as part of the economic development of the compact. Howard Knickerbocker stated the Town should identify things lacking in town and make them an element of the grant request. Mitch Feldmesser said the needs of various departments in Town should be included as well. Additional discussion included sending an anonymous survey to residents similar to what was sent out for the wireless internet. It is important to get the whole Town involved in the future of the location. The prior TCC was reappointed on a motion by Alan, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0. The only change is that Dave will be the S/B representative replacing Alan.

There will be a Wireless Information hearing on July 21<sup>st</sup> in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Alan then addressed the Special Election to fill the vacant S/B seat. The Caucus date has been set as well as the election. Dave said the S/B position is a tough job in a small town.

Alan motioned to adjourn the meeting and go into an Executive Session to discuss the Preserve lawsuit and not to reconvene the S/B meeting, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: Alan Vint, Aye; David DiNicola, Aye; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

David DiNicola