

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2017

Meeting opened at 10:03am

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Albert Sirard
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Also present: Accountant Beverly Cooper and Tax Collector Mary Ann Pease

Selectboard member Judith Hoag arrived at 10:05am.

Meeting was held to discuss various financial issues and the number of different accounts the Town has. Unfortunately the Treasurer was not able to attend and many of the questioned could have been answered by her. It was explained the Easthampton Savings Bank account is the account that all state monies are directly deposited to, this includes Chapter 90 reimbursements, grant monies for the COA, library, Cultural council, etc. this money is then transferred by the treasurer as needed to pay certain bills associated with the reimbursements. The \$1,000 line item on the Annual Town Meeting warrant is for short term interest if the Treasurer needed to borrow money in anticipation of future revenues (tax payments, etc.). There was discussion on how the money is transferred and why some accounts are paying such low interest. Bev explained the money is “pooled” and the Treasurer takes it from whatever account she feels is best suited at the time. Bev also said she can provide a printout of the monies received by the Town on a monthly or quarterly basis if the Board would like it.

PVPC grant application was signed by the board on a motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0. TA will scan and email to Erica Johnson at PVPC.

Dave motioned to pay Weston \$15/hour for his work as transfer station attendant, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

MIIA sent letter advising the Town could sign a 2 year agreement for insurance that would keep next year’s premium the same as last year’s and limited the following year to no more than a 2.5% increase. Dave motioned to accept, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0

WiredWest had sent a Memorandum of Understanding requesting the Board sign. This would protect the Town if it chose to join WiredWest for future handling of the fibered high speed internet. This does not commit the Town to WiredWest in the future. Dave motioned to sign, July 2nd; vote 3-0. TA will scan and email to WiredWest.

Last item was the Special Town Meeting Warrant to address the Marijuana Moratorium requested by the Planning Board. STM to be held on January 2, 2018. Board signed the STM warrant, TA gave to Town clerk for posting.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2nd ; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola; Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard