

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:02pm

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

Warrants reviewed and signed: payroll: \$190,473.84; Expenses: \$10,032.94 & \$2,593.49

Fire Chief, Ron Radwich, met with Board to review his request for Stabilization funding for items for the fire dept. under a federal grant he is pursuing. He has requested \$11,500 to be used for the purchase of 14 Scott Air Packs; this represents a 10% payment the grant requires. Currently, the dept. has 3 different air packs and the masks and tanks are not interchangeable. He could buy used but the grant only allows for the purchase of new equipment. There was discussion asking what the use would be, who does the training of the volunteers (in house), what is the town's liability if a mishap occurs without certified training. Board felt the dept. should retain a certified trainer for the dept.

Also discussed was the \$26,000 request for 4x4 2,000 gallon pumper with a pump. Again, the federal grant will only provide the funding for new equipment. If the Town is not successful in obtaining the grant the money will not be moved from the Stabilization Account. Ron stated the money will have to be available immediately if the dept. obtains the grant. The discussion then moved to the list of volunteers that Ron had submitted for the Town Report. Dave questioned how many actually show up to the meetings and what jobs they would perform at a fire. Ron said he assigns the duties to the firemen as he sees fit, he would only assign to jobs they are capable and trained to do.

Al advised he had researched the costs of generators for the Fire Station and Highway Garage and it will cost \$6,000 to buy for both buildings.

Minutes of April 9 were accepted on a motion by Judy, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0 after a discussion on the effects of various town boards, etc using their personal computers for town business.

Minutes of March 26 accepted on motion by Judy, Al 2nd; vote 3-0.

Minutes of April 7 accepted on motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

Mitigation contract with PVPC for \$7,500 accepted on motion by Judy, Al 2nd, vote 3-0.

TA then advised board that a number of articles needed to be included on the ATM warrant: \$25,000 to cover the overdrawn snow budget; \$60,000 to apply against the tax rater; \$25,000 to reimburse the Stabilization Account for the repairs to the grader; \$6,000 for the purchase of 2 generators and \$5,000 to cover the purchase of a portion of the Cobb property. These funds will come from the Certified Free Cash.

Under new business Dave stated there are future expenses the town will have to face; the purchase of the former landfill, more money for the gravel roads and the cost of providing high speed internet. He said that Curt Robie has started to work on a Capital Plan for the Finance Committee.

There will be a conference call on Friday at 11:30am with Peter Larkin regarding the high speed internet and the additional monies MBI may be willing to contribute if the Town chooses to go with Comcast. There was discussion on the proposed cost to the Town of \$231,000 and how it could be paid. More of this will be discussed during the call on Friday.

Doreen Black, Planning Board chair, asked to address the Board regarding the marijuana issues, retail and wholesale. She stated the Planning board is doing its homework and is also looking to the Selectboard, ZBA and Conservation for their expertise going forward. She would like to schedule a meeting of all in the near future. There was discussion regarding taxing, size of any approved operation, and liability of the Town. a meeting will be held on May 14th to address these issues.

TA advised that Sue Kelly of Adams Bank will be meeting with the Board on May 21st; she is their Municipal Finance representative.

Al motioned to adjourn, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard