

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

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

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$12,067.66; Expenses: FY'18 \$24,571.58; FY'19 \$85,273.44 and \$19,050.51.

Minutes of 6/25/18 approved on motion by Judy, AI 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0.

Minutes of 7/2/18 approved on motion by Dave, AI 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0, Judy absent from that meeting.

Mail: nothing of significance. TA advised sale of Transfer Station Permits has resulted in \$8,120 to date.

Fire chief, Ron Radwich, met with the board. He received the grant to purchase 14 air packs but not for the 4 wheel drive tanker truck. The air pack grant is for \$86,667 and the ATM approved the \$11,000 transfer from stabilization to pay for the Town's share. The masks will need to be fitted and members will have to be trained in the proper use. There was also discussion regarding the installation of the generator at the Fire Station, Ron had saved some of his budget to help defray the installation. AI will contact John Savery to find out where is on completing the installation. Dave also mentioned that members speed through the center of town when responding to calls and that is dangerous. They need to use due diligence to avoid possible accidents. Ron will talk to his volunteers.

Next item discussed was the marijuana ongoing situation regarding host agreements and Planning Board's (PB) development of By-Laws. Judy suggested the Board has not responded to the applicants draft host agreement and even though they may expect a response it seems to be a premature to respond as the Selectboard does not have the guidance of potential By-Laws from the PB. Also, the board has to determine what is negotiable within the host agreement. How does the Town and citizens justify the costs associated with the growers, where do donations go, etc.? Until the moratorium is lifted, no decisions can be made. The board may want to review host agreements that other towns have adopted or accepted.

The PB sent out a questionnaire with the recent tax bills and the results are still being compiled. It would be beneficial if the PB, ZBA and Selectboard all met to further discuss the progress of the By-laws.

New business: Dave said he had been in contact with Berkshire Bank regarding the town's accounts. The interest rates we are receiving are well below what is now available in other banks. He suggested the Board write a letter to the Treasurer, Jane, with date specifics to have the funds transferred to higher producing interest rates. Bev has been in discussions with some banks and the money market fund interest rates are very close to the C.D. rates. Any penalties would be offset by the higher rates.

The only Selectboard meeting in August will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Broadband Committee will be on the agenda for the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. TA will put the Cannabis meeting notice on the outside sign.

Public input: Sherri Venditti, said when the BSO runners came through town one of the runners attempted to stream the World Cup soccer and it kept buffering and he was not able to view it. She questioned why the speed was slow and since this is a service to the town was there a need to upgrade the router, increase the speed, etc. TA will check with Steve Harris regarding costs. There was continued discussion on the use of the library portion of the wireless internet.

Also noted, the campers/trailers from the Cone Road property that was involved in legal issues are removed.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard