

UNREVIEWED DRAFT
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2015 Memorial Hall 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Bob Manners called the meeting to order. Other members present: Joe Judd, and Andrew Baker.

Media Present: Greenfield Recorder.

Acceptance of Minutes: Andrew made a motion to accept the minutes for June 1, 2015. Joe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Noteworthy News:
None.

Department Liaison Reports:

Representatives for Departments and Committees: Selectmen noted liaison appointments will be made at the June 29 meeting as the board officially reorganizes for FY 2016.

Highway Dept.: Bob noted the board will discuss two applicants for open positions in the highway dept. later in the meeting. Bob also reported the problems with the new truck the town recently purchased have been resolved. The highway dept. will be working on paving projects in the coming weeks.

Public Comment: Deb Andrew posed several questions to the board relating to the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline. Deb also provided the board with research relating to the proposed project that she had gathered.

Appointments:

7:30 p.m.: Tree Hearing: Tree warden Jim Richardson requested the support of the board regarding removal of 14 trees in cooperation with Eversource. Eversource will remove the trees at their company's expense to clear electrical lines. Jim said most of the trees would need to be removed anyway thus saving the town money. Jim said all abutters have been notified of the trees to be removed. The board voiced their support for the plan.

Old Business:

Parking at Arms Academy: Bob said he has not followed up on the issue yet but will work on a letter before the next meeting to send to the owner(s) of the inappropriately parked vehicles.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Discussion: Joe said he sent an email requesting representatives from Police and Fire, Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, Open Space Committee, Emergency Management Director, the Selectmen's Board, and one or two At-Large members to participate in a Pipeline Committee for the town. The board is awaiting all responses and will continue a discussion of the topic at upcoming meetings.

Veteran's Representative to the Pioneer Valley Veteran's Service District: To be appointed at the June 29 meeting.

Sign New 5-Year Recycling Contract: Joe made a motion to sign the recycling contract on the recommendation of Jan Ameen of Franklin County Solid Waste Management upon review before the stated deadline. Andrew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOU with Trinity Church: Joe said the town has been unable to negotiate an MOU with Trinity Church to date. If an MOU can't be obtained, the board will begin to look at Cowell Gymnasium as a possible site for a warming shelter.

New Business:

Executive Secretary (Town Administrator) Leave of Absence: The board discussed their support of holding the Town Administrator's job until she is well and able to return to her position. The board will be researching a short-term 8-hour per week hire to help out during Terry's absence.

Greenfield Savings Bank Request to Place an Awning in Front of Street Bench: Board members will take a look at the area around the bank and will discuss further. No action needed by the board at this time.

Mass Clean Energy Center Timeline Information for Municipal/Residential Solar Projects: The board discussed Andrew's initial research into municipal/residential solar projects promoted by Mass Clean Energy Center. Andrew relayed that it was a nine-month process if the town were involved so the sooner the better as related tax credits will expire in 2016. Joe encouraged Andrew to take the idea to The Partnership and explore further. Andrew said he would also explore the idea with neighboring towns.

Skip Glier's Request to Use the Shed at Cowell Gym: Skip is requesting his son (who has a disability) be allowed to store his specialized bicycle in the Cowell Gym shed for the summer to make it easier for his son to get exercise during the summer (in a flatter area to ride) as the bicycle is difficult to transport.

Following a discussion by the board it was decided they would approach the recreation director to see if the committee could "sponsor" Skip's son for the summer to avoid any conflict of interest. Andrew said he would check with the director of the recreation committee and the director of the Cowell Gym and report back at the next meeting. Joe said Skip would need to sign a "hold harmless" waiver to the town.

Any Other Business:

Highway Dept. Proposed Hires: Bob and the Highway Dept. Supervisor have vetted and interviewed three contenders for the two part-time open positions in the highway dept. Bob said they ended up with two strong candidates and he wanted to see them be able to get to work as soon as possible. Bob recommended Mark Nelson and Christopher Morey for the positions. Joe made a motion to hire the two men with a starting pay of \$17 an hour with step raises once they complete needed licensing (by 6 months) and with a good annual review. Andrew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sewer Bills: Bob relayed to Andrew that he was now part of the Sewer Commission and that they needed to sign off on sewer bills so they could be sent out to residents. Bob and Andrew signed off on the bills.

Correspondence: Bob noted requests for appointments for the Open Space Committee and the Cultural Council which will be addressed at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Joe presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Andrew seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cris Carl