

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

6:00 PM: Open Meeting

Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Eric Shimelonis. Also present: Town Admin Mark Webber (MW). No press present.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes.

Board reviews and approves warrants; payroll and vendor.

6:10 PM: Sue Coxon, Library Trustee, seeks Board approval to appoint two current Library Trustee members due to pending retirement: Kristin Piasecki would replace Sue Coxon and Andrew Potter would replace Gail Garrick. Sue notes that the Town is fortunate to have two willing and engaged residents to step up and fill the vacancies. Following a discussion, BF makes a motion to accept Sue's recommendations and nominates Kristin Piasecki and Andrew Potter to fill the vacancies. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

6:20 PM: Curt Wilton, Highway Superintendent, attends the meeting for a general/initial discussion on transforming/expanding his and the Highway Department's roles towards a more comprehensive Department of Public Works (DPW).

Curt notes that the timing is right to consider some changes. Concerns have been expressed with the general care and condition of the Town Cemeteries and the recent leaders of the Parks and Recreation Committee have, unfortunately recently passed. The draft model would have the Highway Superintendent become the Superintendent of Public Works. That person would then have daily/direct oversight of: Highway operations; Cemetery maintenance and improvements; transfer station maintenance and repairs; buildings and grounds maintenance and repairs and; parks and recreation maintenance and repairs.

MW notes that his Department and current staff are doing a lot of this work anyways and forming a DPW would only formalize current practice and increase efficiency. Curt does not recommend involving the sewer and water operations into the discussion because they are distinct from town departments as they are enterprise funds and governed by a Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

Board members all express support for continuing the discussion towards forming a DPU. Curt will do some more research and notes that he has a large file from a prior initiative several years back.

Other Business/Action/Discussion Items:

- Board reviews and signs a Special Town Meeting warrant to be held on June 26th.
- MW notes that he has met with incoming Town Administrator Marie Ryan several times and that he has a good feeling about the transition.
- ES notes that he attended a recent Finance Committee meeting and among the suggestions discussed was to hire a consultant to investigate future capital/building needs at the wastewater treatment facility and the highway garage/fire station.
- ES informs the Board that he has researched security cameras for the Village School/Police station and will formalize a proposal that will come in at far less expense than previous quotes and will be a better system. Board thanks Eric for his work.

With all regular business satisfied, BF makes a motion to go into four separate executive sessions and not to return to open session as follows:

- Executive session per MGL Chapter 30Am Section 21(a)(2)...*"to conduct collective bargaining or contract negotiations"*
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ES seconds the motion. Voice vote taken: ES, aye; DP, aye; BF, aye.

Meeting minutes approved by:

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Bernie Fallon, Chair	Doane Perry	Eric Shimelonis

Date: _____

