
*BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES*

**Monday, March 20, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
TRAINING ROOM – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

This meeting was taped for local television.

PRESENT: Leo Janssens II, Chair, Duncan Phyfe, Member, Kyle Johnson, Clerk, Heather Budrewicz, Town Administrator. Absent: Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant.

I. SALUTE THE FLAG

Leo Janssens called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT -

None at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kyle Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Duncan Phyfe. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Bill Johnson, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission updated the Board on their progress to date. He stated the commission mission and their priorities. They have a number of sub-committees formed for such things as beautification, signage by-laws and more. Kyle mentioned to the Commission the parking in front of the business building downtown and the commission stated it was being addressed. The commission will continue to update the Board on their progress.

OLD BUSINESS –

Kyle spoke on the town counsel response to the request made by the Bresnahan center to maintain the monthly costs at the community center. The letter from counsel states that the town would only by town meeting vote repair any capital item over \$15,000. Val Daigle asked about pooling utilities and that the building is on the insurance policy now. Heather stated that she would look at our insurance policy and report back.

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Comcast license draft agreement was not yet received so will be discussed at next meeting. Kyle is concerned with the monopoly and the poor service. Leo stated we are locked in because Comcast owns the infrastructure

2.) Holly Garlock spoke to the Board on possible State school funding. The State can earmark monies for local communities but the communities have to show their need. There is emergency funding but Senator Gobi's aid stated not worth the time and we have no immediate emergency.

3.) Ambulance - Skip

V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Heather stated that the IT Committee met with Guardian to go over current contracts and to re-negotiate some items. A compromise was met. Heather attended a MMPA meeting discussing recreational marijuana, she also attend s a MMMA meeting and procurement training as well.

She noted that Robert Plant at the AFD was promoted to Deputy Chief. He has been an asset to the Fire Department during his tenure here and he will continue that in the Deputy Chief's role. This will take effect March 26, 2017

The Building Department has hired Richard Travers as the assistant local building inspector to aid Mr. Reynolds in the increase building and Cushing projects.

Heather also attended the AWRSD meeting to go over the budget and the shortfall expected. She also attended an Advisory Board meeting with regards to the FY18 budget.

Heather received approval for the Community Compact Cabinet projects from the state for three projects. The first the town received monies for a permitting guide to aid local and potential business to Ashburnham and the second was a Risk Assessment of the town overall and finally a budget based software.

Heather went with Bill Johnson of the EDC to MRPC to asked for a grant for the a Brownfield site (DPW yard)

The Sherbert Rd water main replacement is moving forward.

Health insurance options are being reviewed for cost savings.

Route 101 Tip is still in the works as Steve Nims and Heather both attend the MRPC meeting on a regular basis. Kyle wanted to know the delay on action from the State. Heather stated it on a need basis.

Watatic Dam is moving forward to research titles and site work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.) February 27, 2017– BOS/IT Committee

Kyle Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017 and was seconded by Duncan Phyfe. Motion carried 2-0 (Leo was not present).

B.) March 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Duncan Phyfe motioned to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes as printed and was seconded by Kyle Johnson. Motion carried

VI. BOS CORRESPONDENCE

Leo Janssens spoke on the letter that was mailing mailed out to Senator Anne Gobi to seek additional funding for the schools.

Leo read correspondence with regards to not allowing items to be solicited on the town website (i.e. Bench for Steve Gallant go fund me page)

Duncan Phyfe motioned to sign the letter to the Senator and was seconded by Kyle Johnson. Motion carried

VII. MARCH MEETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyle Johnson read the following Town Clerk Reminders:

- January 1st and on – Open registration of voters at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 32 Main Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday, and closed on Friday.

- **Rabies Clinic – Saturday, March 18, 2017 11:30 – 12:30pm** at the Municipal Grounds Bldg.-8 Williams Rd. \$ 15.00 immunization charge for cats or dogs
 - **March 23rd - \March 30th – Deadline for all Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting for all depts./boards/committees**
 - **April 1st – 16th Annual Community Benefit Hockey Game at Cushing Academy at 3pm (doors open at 2pm) \$ 5.00 per ticket this year’s beneficiaries are the families of James Kachlert and Ed LaRoche**
- **April 12th – Last Day to register for the Annual Town Meeting until 8pm at the Town Clerk’s office**
- **April 24th – Last day to file absentee ballot applications 12:00 noon Town Clerk’s office**
- **Tuesday, April 25th – Annual Town Election- 9:00am – 8:00pm JR Briggs**
- **Tuesday, May 2nd – Annual Town Meeting 7:00pm Oakmont High School**

The next scheduled Board of Selectman meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

VIII. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT (5 minute limit)

Holly Garlock addressed the Board again to speak on the bill that mandates state to pay for health insurance costs for schools (H252 bill).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 pm. Kyle Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Duncan Phyfe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant