

Board of Selectmen
April 24, 2014
Minutes

Members present: Jeanne Pryor, William Elovirta
Angela Hilton-absent

Others Present: Ed Gibson, Nina Weiler, Colleen O'Connor

3:00 PM Jeanne called the meeting to order. She advised that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and Guidelines for Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Jeanne asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one other than the Board of Selectmen is recording the meeting.

Ed advised that since the last meeting he has moved the tax title expenses from the operating budget to an article. Jeanne motioned that the Selectmen approve Article 9 to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for legal, advertising and related costs to process tax delinquent accounts, Bill seconded. Motion passed. Ed brought to the Selectmen's attention that he changed Article 10 so that the wording at the end of the article was worded that said appropriation carries over to succeeding fiscal years as needed. Ed also advised that he moved the Forestry line item out of the Forestry category and placed it in the Protection of Person and Property category since this is for the Fire Department and he renamed it Forestry Fire Dept. Tools. Bill asked if we could name this Forestry Fire Department Tools and Equipment. He advised that he changed the names of some of the line items but the amounts remain the same.

Ed advised that at their last meeting he forgot to have the Selectmen vote to fix their salaries and the pay rates for the Cemetery Commission and the Board of Health. He advised that he kept the Selectmen's salaries the same as last year and increased the Board of Health and Cemetery Commissioner's pay rates by 2%. Jeanne motioned to recommend Article 1 as written, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Ed advised that he did not have the figures for Article 26 at their last meeting. This article is the CPA article. He advised that the CPA revenues were \$46,740 and that 10% of this amount goes to the following designations: \$4,674 goes to the Historical Resources Reserve; \$4,674 goes to the Community Housing Reserves; and \$4,674 goes to the Open Space Reserves; \$500 goes the Committee Administrative Expenses and the remaining \$32,218 goes to the Undesignated Reserve. Jeanne motioned to recommend Article 26, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Ed advised that Article 28 was petitioned by voters. This article would be to have a resolution to ban fracked gas pipelines and to champion sustainable energy. Jeanne motioned to recommend Article 28, there was no second.

The Selectmen need to make their recommendation for Article 5 which is the standard article to accept Chapter 90 monies. Bill motioned to recommend Article 5, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.

Any other business: Ed advised that he missed one article that needs to be voted on every year. Whenever you have a revolving account, it needs to be voted on annually. Article 25 is for the Plumbing Inspector, Gas Inspector and Wiring Inspector revolving funds. Ed advised that he kept the amounts the same as last

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year with \$10,000 for each of the plumbing and gas inspectors and \$15,000 for the wiring inspector. Bill motioned to recommend Article 25, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.

Ed gave the Selectmen material for Automatic Amusement Devices. He was approached by a vendor who has these devices and is trying to get some Becket establishments to have these in their establishments. Bill asked if the town could prohibit these devices because he thinks they could be trouble. Ed advised that if the town has a bylaw that prohibits these types of devices then they would have no problem denying any establishment from having them. If the town does not have a bylaw prohibiting them then he does not think they can deny any establishment from having them. He will check with town counsel about whether they can deny these in town without a bylaw. Jeanne would like the police chief to weigh in on this.

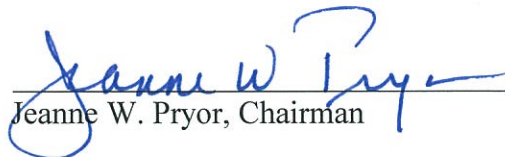
Bill asked if alcohol is allowed at functions at the fire department pavilion. Briefly discussed whether or not this is allowed. If someone wanted to serve alcohol at a function then they would need to apply for a one-day permit to serve alcohol.

Bill motioned to approve the Annual Town Meeting warrant, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.

3:50 PM Bill motioned to adjourn, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.

Reviewed payroll/expense warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Weiler, Secretary


Jeanne W. Pryor, Chairman

Documents discussed at meeting:

- Annual Town Meeting Warrant