BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectwoman Bik, Selectmen Catalano, Chamberland, Haughey and Dubois; Town Administrator Keyes; and Attorney Costello – Town Counsel.

Solar Projects

Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club – Attorney Costello received correspondence from Mr. Doyle – Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Doyle wants to install a solar generator on the property and wants to request two things from the Town: they would like to do a payment in lieu of taxes and wants a pilot agreement similar to ANP and also want to consider entering into an agreement, which is the foundation for financing of this project.

Attorney Costello said upon initial review he has a couple of concerns. He said a pilot agreement for electric generating facilities requires authorization at a town meeting. He does not think Mr. Doyle is aware of this. He also said there are guidelines that state that the Town can enter into payment in lieu of taxes but the payment schedule has to be equal to what the Town would have received. He wants to discuss these issues with Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Costello said the Assessors are generally involved to make sure the values are maintained. He said it is a commercial property and would cost them $2-3M to build this facility. He sent the regulations to Mr. Doyle. He said the Boys & Girls Club should get about $40,000 a year and the Town about $2,500 a year. He said he would report back to Mr. Keyes after talking to Mr. Doyle.

Chairman Dubois said to share any concerns regarding the 2014 license renewals with Mrs. Lemoine.

Mr. Keyes said he is meeting with the Town Accountant next week regarding budgets. He said they will almost have a level funded budget. Mr. Keyes said the department heads are submitting articles. Mr. Chamberland wants to sit down with Mr. Keyes to get the wording correct for the articles.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Milliken