

Town of Bridgewater  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
Bridgewater Town Hall  
**Draft Minutes**

**Present:**

Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Leo Null

**Guests:**

Josh DiBella, Bill MacGeorge, Ned Bandler

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Read made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016, Mr. Brown seconded. All in favor, motion carries. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2016, Mr. Read seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Brown made a motion to add to the agenda the discussion of public hours for drop off at the Town Garage, seconded by Mr. Null. All in favor, motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Bill MacGeorge stated that he was very pleased with how the Village Store restaurant addition is coming and that they have respected his property with a buffer that they have agreed upon.

Ned Bandler stated that he would like to see more specificity on the Board of Selectmen meeting agendas and if possible, that they be posted earlier for the public.

Mr. Bandler also spoke regarding improving the method of appointment to boards and commissions. He would like vacancies to be better publicized and that candidates be vetted. He proposed that descriptions of ideal candidate qualifications be posted when the positions are advertised. The Selectmen agreed that those were good points and Mr. Read stated that he agreed that appointments shouldn't be hurried.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Read read a thank you note from Lanie Flanagan, the director of the ACE program, stating her appreciation for the Town's financial support for the program.

**Resignations:**

Eric Shields, Zoning Board of Appeals– See attached

**Vacancies:**

Inlands Wetlands Alternate – No action taken

Zoning Board of Appeals– No action taken

**Appointments:**

Mr. Null made a motion to appoint Roberta Allen to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy for Eric Shields, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Bernd G. Woerner, Arthur J. Murphy III, and Alan H. Michener to the Lake Lillinonah Authority for a three year term [term began November 2015], seconded by Mr. Null. All in favor, motion carries.

**New Business:**

**Town Garage Drop-Off Hours:**

Mr. Brown stated that he would like to expand the public drop off hours at the Town Garage for the convenience of residents who work. The selectmen agreed that on Tuesdays, beginning in April, the drop off hours will be extended to 7am to 1pm.

**Tax Refunds:**

Frank Gavel and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA. - See attached – Mr. Brown made a motion to approve tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector, seconded by Mr. Null. All in favor, motion passes.

Tax Collector's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

Treasurer's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

Capital Improvement Plan:

See attached. Mr. Read presented the Selectmen with a capital improvement plan for the Town. Items discussed included connecting Town Hall to the Peck House well, rebuilding the Grange, installing sidewalks in the center of Town, and repairing the Burnham Library.

FY17 Budget Overview:

Mr. Read stated that the Selectmen will need to begin preparing a Town Budget for 2017 Fiscal Year. He presented the Selectmen with some requests already submitted (see attached). Town Hall department heads are expected to submit their budget requests by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bid Notices:

The Selectmen discussed the likelihood of several of the capital improvement projects going out to bid.

Burnham Library – Agency Fund Agreement:

Mr. Read read a letter from the Burnham Library Board regarding their wish to terminate their agreement with the Town managing their funds (see attached). Mr. Read made a motion that the Board of Selectmen agree to the request of the Burnham Library Association to terminate the ongoing agreement that allows the Board of Trustees to manage investments for the Burnham Library's Brooks/Pigot-Cowin and Library Growth Funds and that it will take effect immediately upon Ameriprise representatives transferring funds to an account for the Library, seconded by Mr. Null. All in favor, motion carries.

Town-Owned Property Appraisals:

Mr. Read provided the Selectmen with reports from the property appraiser who appraised Town-owned land on Iron Ore Hill Road North [Assessor Map Number 9-15] and Mine Hill Rd West [Assessor Map Number 32-15]. The possibility of the sale of these properties was discussed. The Selectmen will continue to research the possibility of sale of the properties.

Other Business:

Mr. Read stated that he would like to schedule a Budget Workshop tentatively for Tuesday, March 15, 2016. All agreed that would be a good time.

Old Business: None

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm, seconded by Mr. Null. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh R. DiBella  
Assistant Town Clerk