

Town of Bridgewater  
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016  
Bridgewater Town Hall  
**Draft Minutes**

**Present:**

Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Nancy Hawley

**Guests:**

Members of the public

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

Mr. Read welcomed Nancy Hawley to the Board of Selectmen.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2016, Ms. Hawley seconded. Mr. Read and Mr. Brown voted in favor, Ms. Hawley abstained, motion carries.

Mr. Read stated he wanted the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2016 under "Board of Selectmen Vacancy" to state: "*Mr. Read read a letter from the Republican Town Committee Chairmen and emails from Larry Neary regarding the appointment of a selectman to fill a vacancy on the Board (see attached).*" Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Hawley. Mr. Read and Mr. Brown voted in favor, Ms. Hawley abstained, motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Much discussion of the potential paving of a section of Mine Hill Road by Ross Detwiler, Roy Magner, Dennis MacDonald, Sandy Keene, Larry Kish, Jeff Gros, Dr. Burton, Adam Hughes, and Bob Brown. The selectmen said that they would like to put out a survey to residents in the area of the potential paving site so that they can express their opinions.

Ned Bandler spoke regarding the appointment process of filling the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen and his belief in the need for open discourse in those processes.

Lisa Burns expressed that public comments do not need to be related to items on the agenda and that she appreciated the increased specificity provided on this meeting's agenda.

Ms. Hawley suggested that a special meeting be set so that the selectmen can discuss ways of improving communication. Mr. Read supported the idea of promoting open communication.

**Correspondence:**

CT Community Foundation (see attached)

Catherine Vikstrom (see attached)

Mr. Levine (see attached)

Ms. Hollande

**Resignations:**

Nancy Hawley – Board of Finance (see attached)

**Vacancies:**

Board of Finance – No action taken

ZBA Alt – No action taken

Planning & Zoning - No action taken

Ms. Hawley asked that the vacancies be posted to the Town website. Mr. Read agreed with the idea.

**Appointments:** None

**New Business:**

**Tax Refunds:**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector with the amendment that it is a regular meeting, not special, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

Ms. Lindblom stated that one of the taxpayers who is entitled to a refund would like to donate the money to the Town.

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

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

**State Police Relations:**

Mr. Read stated that the State Police has a new lieutenant.

**Town Assistance for Compe/Moore Residence:**

Mr. Read stated that he would like to provide the Compe/Moore Family with assistance from the Town. He said that he would have more information on the best ways to help after he meets with Ms. Moore and with the Town's Municipal Agent.

The selectmen discussed the possibility of investing in a Reverse 911 program to notify residents of emergencies.

**Newtown Hook and Ladder Request for Use of Roads:**

See attached. The selectmen are in favor of allowing the use of road, but expressed concern that there might be a detour because of the Rt. 133 Road Closure. Ms. Hawley made a motion authorize the First Selectman to conditionally approve the use of roads, provided that the roads are opened, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

**Agreement between the Town of Bridgewater and the Bridgewater Volunteer Firemen:**

See attached. Discussion. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

**Town-Owned Buildings & Projects Update:**

Mr. Read discussed several repairs currently occurring on town-owned buildings including the front columns of the library, repairs at the Peck House, construction at the Senior Center and septic ideas for the Grange. In addition, the reconfiguration of Center Street and the installation of walkways in the Town Center were discussed.

**Old Business:** None

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:33pm, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh R. DiBella  
Assistant Town Clerk