

Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 3, 2013 – Minutes

Present: Selectmen: Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Shores Ness
Interim Town Administrator: Wendy Foxmyn

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Due to technical difficulties a portion of the meeting was not recorded.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 19, 2013 were accepted as written.

Public Comments: None

Selectmen's Comments/Announcements:

Board of Health Comments/Announcements: Ms. Ness requested that information from DPH on mosquito and tick be put on the Town's website.

Hearings/Appearances before the Board:

- 6:45 pm - Site Assignment Hearing: Piggery on Stillwater Road
Present: Attorney R. David DeHerdt, representing Stanley Romanowski

Atty. DeHerdt presented a request that Mr. Romanowski be relieved from the requirement of a Site Assignment as: 1) he no longer is raising pigs for commercial purposes, and 2) under the Right-to-Farm by-law such a permit should not be required. He stated that he has not seen the Health Inspector's report. Ms. Ness provided a copy. The Board would like a letter stating that Mr. Romanowski is no longer raising pigs for commercial purposes. **In a motion made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and unanimously voted, the hearing was continued without prejudice to July 24, 2013.** Ms. Foxmyn will follow-up on this with Cheryl Sbarra, from the Massachusetts Association of Health Inspector, and counsel, if necessary.

Discussion/Decision Items:

- BOS meetings: The following dates were set for BOS meetings:
July 8 EMS meeting in Sunderland
July BOS meetings 7/24, 7/31, if needed
August BOS meetings 8/14, 8/28

Town Administrator's Report: Ms. Foxmyn presented her report on her findings after three days as Interim Administrator. (see attached) She said she is looking forward to working with the Personnel Board. She is meeting one-on-one with the current staff. Before Mr. Kubiak left he and she were in contact with the DOR regarding the free audit service. Ms. Foxmyn reported being very disappointed to learn that the service will not be available until December.

She felt the resulting report could be important in the Town Administrator search. Ms. Ness encouraged continued pursuing DOR for the service.

Mr. Gilmore commented on his desire for constant correspondence and opportunity to weigh in on important aspects. He thought having fresh eyes on where we've been and where we're going was a good thing.

Signing of Warrants and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position. Roll call vote: Gilmore – Y, Ness – Y. Mr. Gilmore announced the Board would not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Documents: Interim Administrator's Report