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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2014
Municipal Center, Finance Committee Room
2nd Floor, 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present was Mr. Carlson, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Padgett, Mr. Dauphinais, Mr. McInerney, Mr. Willardson, Ms. Ginny Kremer, and Rebecca Meekins.

Class II Garage License – 88 Worcester Street – Close Hearing

Tim spoke to Kamel Kamel and he wishes to withdraw his application.
A motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Padgett to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

Randy McKanobb – Part Time Seasonal Snow Plow Driver

A motion was made by Mr. Padgett, seconded by Mr. Dauphinais to affirm the appointment of Randy McKanobb as a part time seasonal plow driver. All were in favor.

Bradford Schlapak – Grafton Historic District Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Dauphinais, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to appoint Brad Schlapak to the Grafton Historic District Commission. All were in favor.

Sign Memorandum of Agreement – Worcester Regional Health Alliance

Mr. McInerney gave a short presentation to the Board on the logic behind this transition. The Board of Health was present as well. Derek Brindisi from the Alliance was present to answer any questions as well. There is a lot that the local Board of Health does but the Alliance has the resources to do more. This transition is about staffing and providing the highest level of service possible. The Administrative Assistant for the Board of Health will remain in house, as well as Title V inspections. Mr. McInerney explained that if we keep nursing services in house, it will cost the town more than using the Alliance nursing services. Mr. Brindisi explained that the only thing that nurses are required to do by law is monitor Tuberculosis cases in the community. He explained that there are two public health nurses in the Alliance. They do the Tuberculosis case management, communicable disease follow ups and flu clinics. There is other staff that focuses

on community health improvement. There are 20 full time staff available at all times through the Alliance. All strategic plans that the Alliance completes are specific to the community that they serve.

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Dauphinais to join the Health Alliance as presented with the Nurse included in the Alliance. The motion passed, 4-1 with Mr. Flynn in opposition.

Lake Ripple Dredge Restoration Contract Amendment – Extension of Deadline

Mr. McInerney explained that this dredging was complete. There are conservation related issues and the Town is looking for approval to weed out some of the sediment that still remains. There needs to be an extension added to the contract, with no increase in fee.
A motion was made by Mr. Dauphinais, seconded by Mr. Padgett, to extend the contract until June 30, 2014. All were in favor.

Right of First Refusal – 56 Buttercup Lane

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Dauphinais, not to exercise the right to purchase the property. All were in favor.

SELECTMEN REPORTS/TA REPORTS –

Mr. McInerney said that the budget for FY2015 will be presented at the February 4th meeting. There is an 18% increase for insurance due to the high number of claims in 2014. The Honeywell project is still being balanced.

One Grafton Common - ADA Compliance/issues

Mr. Flynn handed out a follow up to his prior memo regarding procedural issues related to One Grafton Common. Mr. Dowling explained that these conversations should be between Town Counsel and the Town Administrator. Mr. McInerney updated the Board, explaining that he sent a letter to the AAB requesting more time from the February 1 deadline for final plans. He has also tried to contact the State Historic Commission regarding the interior staircase. He still has not heard back regarding that matter. There is a meeting with Mill City Construction to go over the interior ramp of the building.

Potential Special Town Meeting for late February - One Grafton Common Accessibility

Based on the Board's discussion, Mr. McInerney explained that perhaps the Town should weigh in on the building. He suggested a Special Town Meeting for late February. The Board decided that they would hold a public hearing on the matter on a Saturday on February 1st.

A motion was made by Mr. Dauphinais, seconded by Mr. Carlson to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. All were in favor.