

Minutes

Board of Selectmen: November 17, 2014

Selectmen Present:

Also Present:

Bette Gorski, Chair

Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director

William Dunn

Joseph D'Amore

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Votes Taken:

Warrants:	PW#15-21	\$133,027.02	Motion by D'Amore, seconded by Dunn, Gorski abstained
	DW#15-19A	\$24,107.27	Unanimous vote, based on a motion by D'Amore
	BW#15-21	\$1,323,567.94	Unanimous vote, based on a motion by D'Amore

Fire Chief requested that the skid unit with pump and tank be declared surplus & recoup any available money for residual value.

Motion by D'Amore Seconded: Gorski D'Amore : Yes Gorski : Yes Dunn: Abstain

One Day Beer & Wine License to Anne Howland, 2 Scotland Yard Road, Groveland for December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party. Requirements: Traveling Bartender's Certificate of Insurance & 8 hour police detail

Motion by Dunn Seconded: D'Amore Vote: Unanimous

Speed Limit Change Request

The Board voted to send a letter to the Mass DOT requesting a speed limit survey for Main Street from house #179 to house #271.

Motion by Gorski Seconded by D'Amore Vote: Unanimous

Building Permit Sign Off Letter

Motion by D'Amore Seconded: Dunn Vote : Unanimous

Acceptance of Officer Michael Traister's resignation effective November 11, 2014 at 1500 hours

Motion by D'Amore: Seconded: Dunn Vote: Unanimous

Appointment of Reserve Officer Gregory Pekarski as Full-Time Police Officer on probationary period to be concluded with successful completion of police academy training and certification within 270 days

Motion by D'Amore: Seconded: Dunn Vote Unanimous

Approve hiring of three individuals: Jones, Richmond and Kershaw as Page's at the Langley-Adams Library as requested by Diana Cummings, Adult Services Librarian to address staffing shortages

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Jones at 4 hours weekly at rate of \$8.96 an hour effective November 8, 2014; when needed may fill in for other Page hours.

Richmond at 5 hours weekly at a rate of \$8.96 an hour effective November 10, 2014; when needed may fill in for other Page hours.

Kershaw at 5 hours weekly at a rate of \$8.96 an hour effective December 2, 2014; when needed may fill in for other Page hours.

Motion: D'Amore      Second: Dunn      Vote: Unanimous

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#### Matters per Agenda

Erin Pinkham, Joe Sullivan and Brian Lynch provided initial plan for removal of playground equipment at Washington Park. Mr. Sullivan has volunteered to donate equipment and labor to accomplish this. He is a licensed contractor. Discussion ensued on details and that Highway Dept may do the work despite the offer. The offer is acceptable to the board and a final decision by parties involved will be made with final approval by Board of Selectmen. The goal is to have a new playground approved , installed with old one removed- by July of 2015.

Presenters were invited back to a meeting with Board of Selectmen on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30- to be duly posted- to make a presentation of formal proposal for removal of old playground and installation of a new one

Beer and Wine License for Gerry's Variety was signed by Board of Selectmen to conform to change request for Sunday operation to 10:00 AM from noon. No vote was needed

Board discuss Inez Steele's proposal to reduce speed limit near center of town on Main street and a letter by Chief Robert Kirmelewicz in support was reviewed and portions read out loud. Chairman Gorski directed Finance Director Dembkoski to provide formal request for study to Dept of Transportation

#### Review of Correspondence

D'Amore reiterated the following items from correspondence

- Read out loud portions of letter from PRSD Business Manager Greg LaBreque on particulars of funding of new fields
  - Read out loud portions of letter from Patrick Administration regarding the acquisition of 96 acres of land for conservation and turtle habitat-protection purposes in Groveland and Georgetown
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#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Debra Stewart

Presented details of poor conditions of roads and grounds at cemetery and petitioned the board for intervention to improve conditions. Board responded with suggestion to seek a meeting with Cemetery Commission.

Resident James Freer

Presented concerns that Marijuana facility by laws have been drafted along with general zoning modifications as part of a year-long effort and collaboration between ZBA and Planning Board and that it is necessary to immediately engage with town counsel for consent to proceed with changes prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Freerer also strongly urged board to initiate a series of public hearings in anticipation of public hearing requirements prior to seeking changes/ modifications to ZBA code be presented at town meeting.

Board concurred to the urgency of both requests and Chairman Gorski directed Finance Director Dembkoski to seek advice of counsel with an increment – billing allotment of 5 hours initially

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#### SELECTMEN'S TIME

Dunn suggested and board consented to each member presenting only one agenda item for future engagement.

- Dunn: Would like to see the position of Road Commissioner change from elected to appointed
- Gorski : Asked for resolution to concerns expressed with re-organization plan underway with recreation department and implications for youth groups. Response by Finance Director Dembkoski is that the item would be addressed in late year or early next year for recreation organization and further out for youth groups as the matter is complex and requires reflection and multiple planning and collaborative steps .
- D'Amore: Yemma road rezoning to be deferred until board is ready, however, by contacting Yemma Road property owners and agents a site-walk if possible will be conducted and members of the community who are familiar with the property questioned as part of a fact find in anticipation the item will become an agenda item for the future.
- D'Amore: Would like to propose a workshop for all Boards, specifically those on the Building Permit Sign-Off Letter, to have a workshop on January 17, 2015 at 9am in the main meeting room of Town Hall. Both Chair Gorski and Selectman Dunn agreed.

Voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm on a motion by Selectman Dunn and seconded by Selectman D'Amore.

**Prepared and Submitted by Selectman Joe D'Amore.**

**Minutes Unanimously Approved on December 15, 2014**