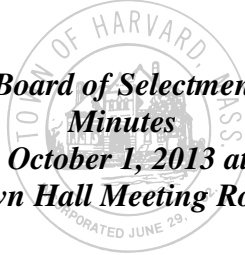


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**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00PM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair, Marie Sobalvarro in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Stu Sklar, Ron Ricci, Lucy Wallace and Leo Blair were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan.

MINUTES

There are no minutes for approval.

PROJECT INTERFACE UPDATE

James O'Shea and Drew Skrocki met with the Board to give an overview of Project Interface and explain exactly what the program had to offer the Town of Harvard and its students. Mr. O'Shea explained that it is a mental health referral based service free to all those under the age of 25. This service helps those in needs get in contact with organizations that can assist them with any problem they may have in a more timely fashion. Mr. Skrocki gave a brief presentation showing the statistics of a Youth Risk Survey taken last year. The goal is to publicize this program as much as possible with hopes of getting the information out to those who could use the assistance.

APPOINTMENTS

MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES

On a Wallace/Sklar motion the Board voted to appoint Hank Filek to the Minuteman Senior Service.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – JOINT APPOINTMENT

On a Wallace/Sklar motion a roll call vote was taken and unanimously voted by the Select Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee to appoint Steven Gordon to the Parks and Recreation Committee until the next election in April.

PETITION FOR GAS MAIN

Town Administrator Tim Bragan explained the process for a gas main petition. The Board agreed to hold a hearing on November 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM for Old Littleton Road, Harvard from National Grid.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Tim Bragan informed the Select Board that he was working with a person of senior parents to obtain a sticker to use at the transfer station.

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Bragan reported that the Affordable Housing Committee was looking for comments on the project at 105 Stow Road. The Committee asked if the Board would prefer seeing a presentation on the project. The Board agreed that a presentation would only be necessary if there was new information or major changes were made to the project.

Bragan reminded the Board of the MMA Breakfast being held on October 10, 2013.

Town Administrator and members of the Select Board discussed the idea of a joint meeting with Mass Development and Devens to discuss the plans and the intent to go forward with Phase II of the Bristol Myers Squibb development project.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Sobalvarro called for a review but not take a stand on the articles for the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Article #1 – There was some discussion on wording with Board in agreement to leave wording as is.

Article #2-12 The Board reviewed each article accepting them as submitted.

On a Wallace/Sklar motion the Board voted to close the warrant.

On a Wallace/Ricci motion the Board voted to set the date for the Special Town Meeting for October 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

On a Ricci/Wallace motion the Board voted to set the date for the Special Election and ballot question on November 5, 2013. The Board made note that the last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting was October 16, 2013.

Fiscal 2015 BUDGETS

Budgets are due by the end of October. The Select Board agreed to discuss both departmental and capital budgets at their November meetings November 5th or November 19th, to be determined.

ETHICS TRACKING

The Board reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk, Janet Vellante, regarding Ethics Exemptions. With a current data base of 550 employees that must receive ethics information and training the Clerk is asking they consider some exemptions that would save time, costs and storage of documents.

On a Ricci/Sklar motion the Board voted to exempt the following from ethics training:

Temporary employees

Seasonal employees

Unpaid volunteers at senior center, library, school

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Senior work-off participants

4th of July Committee

Poll workers

Harvard Ambulance Service volunteers (EMT's, drivers, cadets but excluding Director.

PERSONAL NOTE

On a personal note Leo Blair wanted to thank the Chair, Marie Sobalvarro for doing such a fabulous job chairing the Select Board and serving the town. He acknowledged that is was not an easy job and wanted to express his appreciation. Stuart Sklar and the entire Board 2nd Leo Blair's sentiments.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Wallace/Blair motion the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED