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Holland
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
November 18th, 2014

Present: Lynn Arnold and Larry Mandell.
Absent: Michael Kennedy
Arnold called meeting to order at 7:05pm

MINUTES-

-NONE-

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-NONE-

APPOINTMENTS

Scheduled: 7:15 Chris McClure report on inspection and status of dam. Notified Mandell he wasn't sure if he could attend. He did not attend.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION 11182014-1: To schedule a Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for December 16th, 2014 at 8:00 pm. Motion made by Mandell, seconded by Arnold.

DISCUSSION: Arnold explains each town needs to have a community development strategy. Pioneer Valley is not proposing to do wholesale changes to existing 2009 revision. Specific paragraphs need to be updated. Mandell would like to review the strategy.

VOTE: ALL in Favor

-GREEN COMMUNITY GRANT

Arnold and Mandell signed the Short Term Loan for the amount of \$35,812.50/1 year note, with an interest rate of .59%. Loan will be paid when the grant money comes in.

-HAMPSHIRE ENERGY COALITION

Mandell seeking an update regarding the signed contract for the Hampshire Energy Coalition program. Arnold explains we are #37 of towns that signed up for the program. Awaiting approval. Lynn states she will call Ken and ask for the status of our application.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

-NONE-

MOTION 11182014-2: To appoint Brenda Palmer, Kelly Robins and Rebecca Jesz as additional 3 people as Community Center Staff. Motion made by Arnold, seconded by Mandell.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: ALL in Favor

MOTION 11182014-3: To appoint Charlotte Lundgren, Denise Cote, Carol Fuller, Nancy Pelequin and Dawn Cass Evans for 5 year terms on the Cultural Council. Motion made by Mandell, seconded by Kennedy.

DISCUSSION: Mandell questions why we need to approve every year. Arnold explains under MGL, the approval is for 5 year terms.

VOTE: ALL in favor

-CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT

Received a letter from the state awarding a grant for Cultural Council for \$4,500.00.

-RETENTION BASIN INFORMATION

Chris McCooe and a resident mentioned the need to clean out the retention pond. Chris stated she sent in pictures to be viewed. Arnold explained Brian Johnson will be notified and the basin will be cleaned out. Also, the drawdown will be maintained at the 2 foot level. The level is supposed to stay down after the first hard freeze.

-MANDELL'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

Steve Anderstrom asked Mandell what would be happening regarding the school committee representation. Mandell explains he will be resigning from the school committee. Mandell

states he was putting off the resignation, because he feels it's important to have a member of the Board of Selectmen on the School Committee. Unfortunately the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen's Meeting are on the same night. Mandell states he will write his letter of resignation tomorrow (11/19/2014). Arnold requests that Steve let her know if he is interested. Arnold will make a posting to see if anyone is interested to serve on the School Committee. Mandell describes the School Committee meetings are once per month and there are sub committees. Mandell was serving on the Tech Committee and the By-Laws and Policy Committee. Will post vacancy.

WARRANTS:

Warrants in the amounts of \$21,801.96 – Payroll and \$364,103.93 – Vendor were signed and delivered to the Treasurer

MOTION 11182014-4: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion made by Mandell, seconded by Arnold.

VOTE: ALL in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Drake
All Boards Clerk