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SELECTBOARD MINUTES FOR MEETING

January 6, 2015 7:00 pm

Holland Town Hall

27 Sturbridge Road

Holland, MA

Present: Lynn Arnold, Larry Mandell and Michael Kennedy

Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Motion 1/6/2015-1 to accept minutes of December 16th, 2014 made by Larry, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Motion 1/6/2015-2 7:05 Bid Opening-Larry Mandell opened bids for 1996 International Cab and Chassis and 9 foot Fisher Plow. Gary Kasowski was awarded with highest bid. Truck \$1277.77 and plow \$601.77. Larry explained procedure of notifying Mr. Kasowski.

Appointment-Chris McClure provided results of the July 2014 Dam Report done by McClure Engineering. The DCR put forth that the dam is in fair condition according to inspection. Chris stated he does and did file reports and forms to DCR. The report states although no structural deficiencies there are operational deficiencies. The dam needs on-going maintenance and encourages us to repair and fill in voids and seepers to avoid additional erosion and major cracks. He pointed out the horizontal construction joints at dam base need to be addressed and our level gate control should be used to raise and lower reservoir level annually, not as a continual water gate. He stated that trees are growing within 20 feet of embankment and there is thick vegetation on left and right upstream and downstream. He recommended we address that more than the one time a year allotted now. The board had questions regarding our dam being in the high hazard category. Chris explained it is because of the roadway downstream of dam that would act as secondary dam if dam let go, causing potential loss of life, utilities etc. Any dam with roadway downstream is categorized as high hazard. The report has explicit general findings along with recommendations; engineering opinion with probable cost (parts included) and McClure will provide, upon our request, suggested contractors that specialize in field so we can request bids.

OLD BUSINESS: Ambulance Contract. Lynn Arnold explained Tri –Town Agreement (Brimfield, Wales and Holland) with Brimfield Ambulance, a non-profit organization. The Tri-Towns would each have their own contract The board agreed to request that contract states that both basic and advanced life support would be provided and a compensation amount (that was left blank on contract) be provided. The Board wants to pay what we currently pay. The Select Board will get contract updated and put on agenda for January 20, 2015.

Motion 1/6/2015-3 7:30 pm Joint meeting with The Holland Tantasqua Regional School Representatives to choose a replacement for the open position of elected member which Larry Mandell resigned from (due to scheduling conflicts) in December. Howie Fife was in attendance. Larry nominated Eli Gillen and Howie Fife seconded. Roll call and all were in favor. Eli will hold position until next election in June 2015.

Motion 1/6/2015-4 by Lynn to accept resignation as of December 23, 2014 from Pat Caron as Secretary of Conservation Committee, seconded by Larry, all in favor. Motion 1/6/2015-5 by Lynn to accept resignation as of December 23, 2014, from Sarto Caron, from Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Larry, all in favor. Board will request Cable Commission post Conservation Committee vacancy. Per Chair of ZBA, open position already posted for that board.

Although not on Agenda, it was agreed by the Board to post joint meetings with Finance Committee so the Select Board can attend those meetings for the purpose of developing the FY2016 budget. Lynn also advised Mike and Larry that the Select Board will meet with Finance Committee in February when budget is due. Any changes to budget should be made prior to that meeting. Lynn advised that she added a percent increase due to the increase in cost for the supply side of electricity. Mike requested \$500 be added to Emergency Management line.

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants 15/26P- \$17938.75 and 15/27P- \$77,833.76 were signed as well as Vendor warrants 15/27- \$94,174.79 and 15/28 -\$9855.57

Motion 1/6/2015-6 by Lynn, MGL c30a, sec 21 #2 Personnel, to enter into Executive Session beginning at 8:00 p.m. and not return to open session, seconded by Larry, all in favor. Motion 1/6/2015-7 to close meeting at 7:42 made by Lynn, seconded by Mike, all in favor.