

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

The regular meeting for the Board of Selectmen convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at 110 Main Street. In attendance were Edward S. Harrison, Dr. Richard M. Smith and John R. Morrell. Also present were Town Administrator Evan Brassard and the media.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for May 26, 2015 – open session. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Town Wide Tag Sale Discussion:

Ted Sisley approached the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the First Church of Monson. Mr. Sisley explained Boy Scout Troop 168 has asked First Church if they would be interested in taking over the Town Wide Tag Sale as their enrollment has dwindled. The First Church agreed to this and the Boy Scouts said they would work with them during the first year.

Mr. Sisley said they are interesting in using the gazebo and across the street in front of Memorial Hall for handing out maps, and the parking lot at the gazebo for their own parking, on Labor Day weekend, Saturday September 5th. Maps will also be sold at the First Church.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the request from the First Church of Monson and Boy Scout Troop 168 for the use of the gazebo and sidewalks by the gazebo and in front of Memorial Hall on September 5, 2015 to sell the maps for the Town Wide Tag Sale. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith made a motion to allow the First Church and the Boy Scouts to hang their banner across Main Street from August 17th to September 5, 2015 announcing the “Town Wide Tag Sale”. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith noted there was a request from the First Church to hang a banner across Main Street from September 14th to October 2, 2015 announcing their “Pumpkin Festival”, but those dates are not available as they conflict with the Board of Health who has that time frame reserved for the “Bulky Day” banner. After a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen agreed the First Church of Monson could hand their banner instead at the gazebo.

Dr. Smith made a motion to allow the First church of Monson permission to hang their "Pumpkin Festival" banner at the gazebo from September 14th to October 2, 2015. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Summerfest Discussion:

Steve Slozak approached the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Summerfest Committee. Mr. Slozak noted this is the 36th Annual Summerfest, and said he was looking for a letter setting the boundaries for the night of the fireworks and the day of the Summerfest.

Mr. Slozak said the fireworks will be held at Quarry Hill Community School on Saturday, June 27 with a rain date of Sunday June 28th. The Summerfest will be held on Saturday, July 4th. This year there will be just one shuttle bus, whereas in the past there were two running the day of the Summerfest. The shuttle bus will run only on Saturday July 4th. There is no shuttle bus service on the night of the fireworks.

Mr. Slozak stated the Fire, Police and Highway Departments have been notified.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the Summerfest Committee's request as presented. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith made a motion to allow the Monson Summerfest Committee to hang their Summerfest banner up from June 15th to July 11, 2015. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the donation of \$3,000.00 from the Gifts to the Town Account to the Summerfest Committee to help with costs incurred. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Hillside School Discussion with School Committee:

Joel Keller approached the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the School Committee. Mr. Keller explained he was here tonight to formally get things started in turning back the Hillside School building to the Town, though the School Committee hasn't taken any formal action yet, they are essentially ready. Mr. Keller noted Mr. Brassard attended one of the School Committee meetings to provide an overview.

Mr. Keller said the HR files should be out of the Hillside Building by July 1st along with a few other things. The fuel tank is the big item and the School Transportation Director Michelle Loglisci, is seeking bids on that. Mr. Keller noted most of the school transportation is currently at the Middle School.

Mr. Brassard said he believes the school transportation department will be purchasing a new double wall fuel tank, and the old tank at Hillside will either be emptied out or pumped out, and then the old tank will be scrapped.

Mr. Brassard noted on the municipal side we've already taken over most of the maintenance and expenses of the Hillside building, and we're basically the sole proprietor of it now.

Mr. Brassard said a committee will be formed as soon as the School Committee turns the building over to the Town and the fuel tank is removed. The Committee will look at four or five different scenarios and different options prior to presenting recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Brassard noted he has received different ideas from people who have expressed an interest in the building.

Reappointments:

Mr. Morrell read page one into the record. Dr. Smith made a motion to appoint as read and as attached. Mr. Harrison seconded. Dr. Smith voted Aye; Mr. Harrison voted Aye; Mr. Morrell abstained as he was listed for a paid position.

Mr. Harrison read page two into the record. Dr. Smith made a motion to approve as read, and attached. Mr. Harrison seconded. Dr. Smith voted aye; Mr. Harrison voted aye; Mr. Morrell abstained as he was on the list for a paid position.

Dr. Smith read and made a motion to approve page three as attached. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Morrell read page four into the record, as attached. Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the appointments as read. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Harrison read page five into the record, as attached. Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the appointments as read. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith read and made a motion to approve the appointments on page six, as attached. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Mr. Morrell read page seven of the reappointments into the record. Dr. Smith made a motion to approve as read, and as attached. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Smith read and made a motion to reappointment the requests from Finance Director Deborah Mahar, as attached. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

In Other Business to Come Before the Board:

- Mr. Brassard said the stone wall repair project at Hillside Cemetery is a process that was started last year. The town wasn't able to get successful bidders last year, and it was rebid this year with successful bids received. The lowest bid came in from CD Masonry out of Oxford Mass. at \$79,000.00 without portion B, which is Cushman. The project will be funded through CPC funds.

Mr. Brassard noted this project will consist of repairing the wall along Thompson Street up to the first break in the wall. Depending on the bid and the cost associated with it, there is also the possibility of repairing a short section of the wall on Mill Street that is about a foot and a half tall. The project will consist of basically chipping out the old masonry, reinstalling it, and taking down some of the capping and reinstalling that.

Mr. Brassard said all the specs are on the Town's web site on the Town Administrator's page.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the contract with CD Masonry. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Correspondence was read and completed.

At 7:50 p.m., Dr. Smith made a motion to adjourn from open session to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to non-union personnel pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, Section 21 (2) and collective bargaining or litigation pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A Section 21 (3), not to return to open session. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

John R. Morrell, Clerk