

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of 07/17/06
Approved 7/24/06

I. Call to Order

Chairman Emily Creighton called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. There were also present, Donald Gould, Selectman Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Selectman Henry Marsh was excused due to his need to attend a previous engagement. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Discussion Concerning the Hiring of Legal Counsel for Water Commission Efforts

The Board of Selectmen met with Water Commission Chair Mr. Henry Fuller. Mr. Fuller advised the Board that the Water Commission was in need of legal services to assist and guide the Commission as it considers several matters involving the Aquarion Water Company. Mr. Fuller advised the Board that the Commission was under very tight time constraints related to requesting and responding to certain matters concerning the Aquarion Water Companies proposed rate hike and, the Town's possible purchase of Aquarion.

Mr. Gould asked Mr. Fuller what role he envisions an attorney filling as the Water Commissioners consider the possible buy-out of the Aquarion Water Company.

The Board asked Mr. Pardue to contact Attorney John Ratigan of the law firm Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella to arrange a time for the Board, Mr. Fuller and Attorney Ratigan to meet.

The Board discussed issues related to the Aquarion Water Company as they reviewed certain bulleted items shown on the July Priorities list as presented by Mr. Pardue.

III. Adjournment

Motion/Vote: Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Gould made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue
Town Administrator