

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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MINUTES

March 20th, 2017

TOWN OFFICES

The Board of Selectmen re-convened its meeting in open session on Monday, March 13th 2017 at the Town Offices, Meeting Rooms A & B. M Members present were Chair Enrico Cappucci, Holly Haase, and Town Administrator Patrice Garvin.

Chairman Cappucci announced that Selectmen Wilson was not feeling well and was unable to make this evenings meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Patrice Garvin gave her weekly report:

The CDBG grant has been filed and we should hear back sometime this summer. As the Board knows, if the Town receives this grant the Town will receive approximately \$800k in grant money for housing rehab and heating assistance for residents in Town.

The IT Grant application is out. This year I would like to apply for the grant for repeaters for the Fire and Police Department. This item is currently on the FY18 Capital Plan, and receiving grant money to purchase the repeaters will lessen the amount needed for other capital items. The deadline for the grant is April 1st. I am working with the Fire Chief in submitting the grant.

I have successfully met with all of the unions to go over ground rules. Negotiations are underway with the assistance of Selectman Wilson and we will be reporting back to the Board.

Over the next month I will be working with the Finance Committee to finalize the budget that will be presented to Town Meeting in May. The Finance Committee is currently meeting with departments/boards to discuss their budgets. I have suggested a joint meeting with the selectmen on Saturday, April 1st. I will report back to the Board after their meeting on Tuesday, March 21st.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Haase moved to accept the minutes of the 9/26/2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting at this current time. Selectmen Cappucci Seconded. Enrico C. Cappucci vote Aye. Holly Haase vote Abstains. Motion Passed.

Selectman Haase moved to accept the minutes of the 3/6/2017 Board of Selectmen's Meeting at this current time. Selectmen Wilson Seconded. Enrico C. Cappucci vote Aye. Holly Haase vote Aye. Motion Passed.

Selectman Haase moved to accept the minutes of the 3/7/2017 Board of Selectmen's Meeting at this current time. Selectmen Wilson Seconded. Enrico C. Cappucci vote Aye. Holly Haase vote Aye. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Town Administrator Garvin reviewed the Draft Version of the Warrant.

2. Regional Dispatch

Tom Kennedy of The Center for Technological Communications presented his regional dispatch study to the Board of Selectmen. This feasibility study was funded with a DLTA Grant through the Towns partnership with Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Kennedy states that a portion of this project could be paid by incentive monies that all citizens pay as a tax within our cell phone bill. Kennedy believes the Town should look into its current dispatch operations and determine if it is truly robust and serving the community the best it possibly could.

Chief Leveque and Acting Chief Santiago came forward to discuss their feelings on the feasibility study. Leveque was skeptic years ago, but believes today with the budgetary and update needs this may be a positive thing to look into. Acting Chief Santiago agrees but he hopes long term staff would be able to stay on with the Communications Center.

Town Administrator Garvin believes the next step is for the Board to give direction as where they would like to head with this opportunity Groton or Devens.

Chief Leveque believes needs to have confidence in the Dispatcher on the other end of the line and with the revolving door of employees the past few years he doesn't know if that is the case.

AC Santiago is worried about losing the face of the Department with no dispatchers being within the Department. Town Administrator Garvin states that this is something we could talk to other Towns about Solving.

Selectmen Haase believes the Nashoba Valley Center would be a better option. Selectmen Cappucci agrees.

Dispatch Supervisor Paul Topolski spoke against regional dispatch as he believes removing local dispatch would remove the personal touch of the department and many community programs that wouldn't make the jump to Regional Dispatch. He also is under that belief that it would add a tremendous amount of extra work for the officers.

Chair Cappucci suggests Mr. Topolski provide his questions/issues in writing to the Chiefs.

Chief Leveque respectfully disagrees with Mr. Topolski as he would see this as enhancing our services and not decreasing.

3. Aggregation - Tabled
4. Control Audit Recreation Commission - Tabled
5. KP Law - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

6. Appointment of Full Time Dispatcher

Selectman Haase motioned to appoint Kelley Roberts to the position of Full Time Dispatcher with a term to expire 6/30/2017. Selectmen Cappucci Seconded. Enrico C. Cappucci vote Aye. Holly Haase vote Aye. Motion Passed.

7. Evaluation of Non Union Employees

Selectmen Haase would like to begin the process of evaluation of Non Union Employees.

Beth Quinty states that the Library has been doing this evaluation process since 2014.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

There were no reports from the Selectmen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning Board Member Beth Quinty announced that a resident in Town was given a \$10,000.00 grant from Sales Force that he is using in conjunction with the Shirley Play Board.

Selectmen Haase commended the past work of the Shirley Play Board and looks forward to the great work they will do with this grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting 3/27/17 at 7:00

ADJOURNMENT

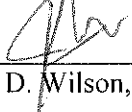
With no further business to discuss, Ms. Haase moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. Mr. Cappucci seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Boudreau, Executive Assistant

Date Accepted: _____


Enrico C. Cappucci, Chair


Holly J. Haase, Vice Chair


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Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.

	Documents used
1	Draft Town Meeting Warrant – 3/13/2017
2	Feasibility Study for Participating in Regional E911 Communication Services in Shirley MA
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