

August 3, 2015

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
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Present: Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas
Mary Dowling
Craig Moran
Michael Suprenant
Leon Gaumond, Jr., Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 6, 2015 as amended, by P. Gimas.
2nd: C. Moran
Vote: All in favor.

Appointment of Part-Time Dispatchers

L. Gaumond brought forward the names of two individuals to be appointed as Part-Time Dispatchers. He noted that these are currently funded positions. The candidates were Emily Murphy of Brimfield and Ryan Kiernan of Monson.

C. Moran said that the candidates should appear before the Board. L. Gaumond said that it would be good to get them on board as soon as possible. He had met with both of the candidates, and found them to be capable and competent. P. Gimas said that sometimes candidates meet with the Board because they choose to, but it is not a requirement.

C. Moran said that in talking with the Chief he learned that Ryan Kiernan has taken a lot of courses, to his credit; Emily Murphy has not. It was the consensus of the Board to hold on Emily Murphy's appointment.

MOTION: That the Board concurs with the hiring of Ryan Kiernan as a part-time dispatcher effective August 4, 2015 at a starting rate of \$18.39/hour, by C. Moran.
2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

Report on Candidates for Charter Review Committee

L. Gaumond asked that the Board extend the deadline for the Charter Review Committee to September 1st. There is only one candidate for the Committee.

MOTION: That the deadline for applying for the Charter Review Committee be extended to September 1, 2015, by P. Gimas.

2nd: C. Moran

Vote: All in favor.

Public Service Announcements

M. Blanchard said that there is a mandatory water ban in effect from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. until further notice.

M. Blanchard announced that the Senior Center will be closed on August 10th and 11th for installation of an air conditioning unit.

L. Gaumond announced the event to honor veterans of the Greatest Generation on August 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Charlton.

Request for a One-Day Liquor License for the Big Alum Lake Association

Janet Garon of the Big Alum Lake Association appeared before the Board. The Big Alum Lake Association is holding a special event on August 7, 2015 and requested the Selectmen's authorization for a One-Day Liquor License to be held at a private residence at 222 Roy Road . The application had been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief.

MOTION: To approve the One-Day Liquor License for Janet Garon of the Big Alum Lake Association for their special event on August 7, 2015 at 222 Roy Road, by C. Moran.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

Town Administrator's Update

- MIIA Rewards Credits

L. Gaumond reported that MIIA has provided the Town of Sturbridge with Rewards totaling \$6,846.

- Grant for Human Resource Study

L. Gaumond had spoken with MIIA, which has a grant program which could be used to pay for a Human Resource Study for the Town. He requested the Board's acceptance of the grant application. He had presented it to the Personnel Committee, and they were excited about this opportunity.

MOTION: That the Board endorse this project and authorize the Town Administrator to apply for the grant, by P. Gimas.

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor.

- Resignation of Blake Duzak from the Historical Commission

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Blake Duzak, and to thank him for his work on the Historical Commission, by P. Gimas.

2nd: C. Moran

Vote: All in favor.

- Appointment of a Selectman Delegate and an Alternate to the CMRPC

MOTION: To nominate Michael Suprenant to be the Selectman Delegate to the CMRPC for FY16, by M. Dowling.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To nominate Mary Dowling to be the Alternate to the CMRPC for FY16, by P. Gimas.

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor.

- Authorize the Town Administrator and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement

MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement, by P. Gimas.

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: All in favor.

Correspondence

M. Dowling read the correspondence list into the record. There was a request from Kenneth Simpson, Unit Commissioner BSA Troop 161 requesting a Proclamation from the Board for Eagle Scout Logan Jacob Melican and inviting the Board to attend the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony to be held on August 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Auburn Webster Lodge of the Elks. It was the consensus of the Board to issue the proclamation.

Public Hearing: Pole Hearing – Haynes Road

Kelly Kuriaca of National Grid appeared before the Board. M. Dowling read the legal ad into the record. The application had been reviewed by Greg Morse, DPW Director and he provided his comments to the Board in a memorandum.

C. Moran asked about the setback. K. Kuriaca said that the DPW Director had recommended a setback of 10-15 feet from the road.

MOTION: To close the public hearing, by P. Gimas.

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: That the Board approve the pole placement with the following conditions: that the proposed pole T.67S/E.131S be moved westerly about 10-15 feet to maximize the shoulder distance as detailed in the memo from Greg Morse dated July 24, 2015, by P. Gimas.

2nd: C. Moran

Vote: All in favor.

Old Business

M. Dowling inquired about the correspondence that the Board had received from the Finance Committee dated July 21st regarding the budget process. They highlighted some of the things that they would like the Board to review. M. Blanchard suggested that the Finance Committee meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss them.

M. Suprenant asked about the status of the letter to be sent to Charlton regarding the proposed Sunset City project. L. Gaumond said that the letter was in the office and would be mailed the next day. M. Blanchard noted that the Board had not reviewed the

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letter written by the previous Interim Town Administrator, just instructed the Town Administrator to write it.

New Business

M. Dowling suggested that the Trails Committee be an agenda item for an upcoming meeting. M. Blanchard noted that it is one of the Town Administrator's goals. L. Gaumond said that he would bring forward a presentation on the goals and how he intends to meet them.

MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a) paragraph #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; not to reconvene in open session, by M. Dowling.

2nd: P. Gimas

Roll call vote: C. Moran in favor; P. Gimas in favor; M. Suprenant in favor; M. Dowling in favor; M. Blanchard in favor.

The Board convened in executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date