

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 10, 2017  
Town Office Building

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch  
Others: B. Berry, L. Starr, K. Hand, S. Snyder, J. Wissemann, C. Griffin, Eversource  
representatives  
Others: Andy Castillo, Recorder  
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:37PM.

Opening remarks - Mr. Bergeron read an excerpt of James Madison, Analysis of American Politics.

Mr. Fydenkevez opened the meeting by introducing Eversource as the Board's first appointment. It was noted that no prior information other than a solar project interest had been given to the Board regarding Eversource's visit. Hayley Dunn of Eversource stated they have a better understanding of the process for a proposed solar project and noted that legislation recently passed which allows utilities to own and operate solar fields. Eversource noted they weren't able to talk at length about the proposed solar project location as to protect the property owner at this time. Mr. Fydenkevez reminded Eversource of the town's Solar Bylaw and that moving a project forward would require Planning and Zoning Board approvals. The Selectmen have no jurisdiction for solar projects unless they are on town owned land. Eversource noted the site is located along Rt. 116 just north of the Amherst town line and would be a 1 MgW capacity. In order to meet all state incentives, the system must be in place and operational by the end of the calendar year noting there would be some expected tax benefits to the town as well.

Motion Mr. Pierce, Second Mr. Bergeron to accept Minutes of April 3, 2017, Vote 3-0.

Selectmen updates:

- Mr. Bergeron stated there would be Police Union Contract negotiations this Thursday. The Board will enter into Executive Session to update later this evening.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced the South County Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation lunch will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers interested in attending should contact the SCSC Director.
- FY18 Budget scenarios were discussed.
- The Board will meet next Tuesday. Ms. Patch to notify the Finance Committee of the meeting as well. There will be no decisions on the budget until the next meeting.

ATM inclusion of Articles 7 & 8. Mr. Bergeron spoke about Article 8 and requested that the board vote not to include the article at this time as there was no mechanism for purchasing a new fire truck at this time. A Special Town Meeting may be scheduled in the future to address.

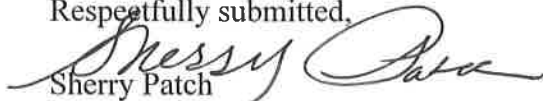
Motion: Mr. Bergeron to not include Article 8, Second: Mr. Pierce. Voted: 3-0.

Public Weigher appointment request: Charles Hebb of Warner Bros. Motion: Mr. Pierce to appoint Charles Hebb, Second: Mr. Bergeron, Voted: 3-0.

The Board voted to enter into Executive Session under MGL c.30A, §21 ¶3. Motion Mr. Bergeron, Second Mr. Pierce; Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bergeron: I, Mr. Pierce, I, Mr. Fydenkevez, I. at 7:16PM.

Executive session adjourned at 7:50PM to open to regular session at 8:00PM for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator