

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2015
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski, Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr. Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

ATTENDEES: Stanley Soltys, Beverly Soltys

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.

Chairman Delanski announced that tonight's meeting was being both video and audio taped and requested anyone in the audience to disclose if they are recording tonight's meeting.

Mr. Delanski addressed Article 1: - which calls for Town authorization to enter into a tax agreement with Borrego Solar for an annual \$16,500.00 per megawatt payment on a 1.3 megawatt proposed solar farm on the Town's landfill for a term of 20 years. Mr. Soltys inquired if there was an escalation on the payment. Mr. Delanski did not believe so.

Mr. Delanski addressed Article 2: - which calls for Town authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Borrego Solar for an annual payment of \$14,500.00 plus 1% annual escalator. Mr. Soltys inquired if the project could be expanded in the future. Mr. Delanski responded it could, but would have to come before the Board for approval and Town vote. Ms. Soltys asked if this was a "done deal with Borrego?" – Mr. Delanski responded that if it passes at Town meeting, it would be a done deal. He did note that it does not include purchasing any power; as the Board is considering other options.

Mr. Nardi addressed Article 3: - which calls for placing a ballot question for the Town to vote to have the Selectmen appoint a superintendent of streets. The discussion centered on the possibility of consolidating resources and staff that could operate both the highway and landfill/transfer departments into a department of public works. Preliminary discussions with the Board of Health are positive; there are details still to be discussed; the objective is to become more responsive and efficient. Mr. Soltys remarked that the explanations offered by the Board tonight were informative and helpful. Both Mr. Delanski and Mr. Nardi agreed to the importance of passing along information; that is the reason for tonight's meeting which they had hoped would draw more residents with questions and concerns.

Mr. Nardi addressed Article 4: - which calls to seek an additional \$13,000.00 to raze 20 Chapel Street. A brief discussion was had as to the project; lowest bidder for the project and the need to seek additional funding. Ms. Soltys asked several questions on the bidder; all information is open to public inquiry, the Board does not have the information at the moment. Mr. Soltys inquired as to the limits that could be expended by the Board. Mr. Delanski responded that no monies can be expended –outside of that

appropriated at Town meetings or by a court order. Additional concern was raised as to the property once/if the building is razed. Mr. Delanski opinioned, that it could be added to the roster and considered for auction or other options.

6:15 PM - Mr. Lavash entered the meeting and apologized for the disruption, noting he had confused the meeting time.

In concluding, Mr. Delanski announced that the Police Department had been issued a loaner suv vehicle for patrols while awaiting delivery of the new vehicles ordered; the public should be aware of this vehicle as it patrols the Town.

Mr. Delanski announced upcoming Capital Meeting at the end of the month.

Mr. Nardi announced vacancies in the Finance Committee.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nardi; Second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk