

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017**

PRESENT: Mr. James A. Gagner; Chairman, Mr. Marc W. Richard, Vice-Chairman and Mr.

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

ATTENDEES: Robert Lavash, Louise Mundell, James Fountain, Barbara Keith, Beverly Soltys, Eileen Kennedy, Dawn Swistak & Kerry Schmidt

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Chairman Gagner opened the Meeting at 1:00 PM

The Selectboard met with the Board of Assessors & Tax Title Custodian, Mr. Lavash, along with the new Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and members of the Citizens Action Committee.

The CAC has requested for some time now an update and more importantly, the steps necessary (process) in moving some of the properties that have been sitting on the Tax Title list for years.

Mr. Fountain pointed out that it is Mr. Lavash's responsibility as Tax Title Custodian, to which he stated that it is the Treasurers responsibility. Our newly elected Treasurer, Dawn Swistak was in attendance, however admitted that she is unaware of the process, but willing to learn. Mrs. Mundell stated that there are properties that go back to the 1940's. The CAC is not trying to "take" property from residents that are trying. Mr. Fountain stated that they (CAC) fully understand that people fall behind. Mrs. Schmidt stated that it is a very long and arduous project to take someone's property. Mr. Lavash went further to say that it is a costly venture. Mr. Gagner requested that Mrs. Acerra contact the Treasurer in Palmer to see if a meeting can be scheduled to sit and discuss how they handled properties that linger.

Mr. Gagner thanked all that attended and encourage all to keep the discussion going.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk