

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman, Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Vice-Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Richard opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Colleen Montague and Beverly Soltys is in attendance and acknowledged their taping of this evening's meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and town employees, Chairman Richard expressed their condolences to former Selectboard member, David Delanski at the passing of his brother.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the minutes of June 12th, June 19th and July 2nd, 2018 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. (*Mr. Nardi abstained from voting on the Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018 due to absence.)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly report of the Police Chief for the month ending May 2018. The office also received the monthly reports of the Fire Chief and Emergency Mgmt/CERT for the month ending June 2018. - **Noted**
2. Officer LaFlower and K-9 Murray will be hosting "Murray Day" on August 19, 2018. On behalf of the Local 195, I'd like to invite all three Selectmen to this event. At 10 am, there will be a cardboard boat race at Comins Pond. This has been a great public event in the past and the funds raised go towards K-9 Murray. Additionally, all three Selectmen are invited to compete in a "Selectman's Heat" in the boat race at Comins Pond. The Local 195 will contribute \$100 per selectmen who compete in the boat race to go towards the winner's local youth sports charity of their choice. The union will also cover their registration fees. So, if all three compete, union will donate \$300. - **Noted. Mr. Nason declined their invitation as he will be away on vacation.**
3. Due to outside commitments, Rebecca Acerra has tendered her resignation from the Veterans Council. - **The Board thanked Mrs. Acerra for her efforts.**

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mrs. Lafko addressed the Board this evening regarding the town's requirement to provide holding cells at the Police Station. Chief Spiewakowski was in attendance this evening as stated that although there is a requirement, the penalty of \$5.00/day has never been enforced. He would like to see one at some point down the road.

Mr. Soltys questioned the status of the employee evaluations. He further requested that an evaluation be performed on the Highway Surveyor. Mr. Soltys also questioned the status of the proposed equestrian center that a former Selectman had spoken to. Mr. Richard said that his understanding was that Spencer was chosen as the host community. Mrs. Pat Burnham also stated that that was her impression.

Mr. Nason has recused himself from the following discussion:

QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

With the recent resignation of Robert Souza from the school committee, two individuals have put their names in for consideration. Ms. Elizabeth Kelley and Ms. Anne Banville. While only one seat is available, both candidates are well qualified.

With little discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Ms. Anne Banville to the QRSD School Committee until the May 2019 election made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention

DISCUSSION W/HIGHWAY SURVEYOR RE: PURCHASE OF ROADSIDE MOWER – TABLED

DISCUSSION W/POLICE & FIRE CHIEFS RE: DECOMMISSIONING DISPATCH

Chief Spiewakowski addressed the Board this evening regarding the decommissioning of dispatch. As all are aware, there have been several meetings regarding the town switching over to Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center. This will entail several changes that are necessary during the transition. First, his Administrative Assistant is willing to increase her hours so that there will be someone available to the public during peak times (yet TBD). Also, the configuration of the foyer and dispatch will need slight modification. This is necessary due to the CCTV that will be required. The Chief also discussed the possibility of a key card system for security reasons. The biggest area of concerns is that of the personnel. The Teamsters Local 404 (dispatchers) have requested to impact bargain to address the anticipated change.

Chief Lavoie agrees to cut over to RRECC once all is in line in order to provide a seamless transition. Chief Spiewakowski stated that he would provide the Board with quotes on the reconfiguration of the foyer. He'll contact the office once he has the numbers.

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME DISPATCHER

Chief Spiewakowski requested that the Board appointment Ms. Karen Francis from part-time to full-time dispatcher effective July 11, 2018. The Chief stated that by having Ms. Francis, who is fully trained, it will be easier to fill open shifts. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Karen Francis from part-time to full-time dispatcher effective July 11, 2018 as recommended by the Chief made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

PURCHASE & SALE – SOUTH STREET PROPERTY

Motion to sign the Purchase & Sale Agreement for the purchase of the South Street Property as voted on Article 3 at the November 2, 2017 STM made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

YEAR END TRANSFERS

Motion to approve the year end transfer as follows:

Highway Department: \$1,100.00 from Trash Disposal	to:	General Highway
Highway Department: \$400.00 from Beaver Removal	to:	General Highway
Highway Department: \$500.00 from Salaries	to:	Overtime
Park & Rec: \$1,350.00 from Salaries	to:	Park Service
Board of Selectmen: \$5,291.31 from Liability Insurance	to:	Legal

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant number 110 dated June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$21,195.83 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 3 & 4 dated July 9, 2018 in the amounts of \$41,899.33 & \$153,534.56 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nason thanked Chief Lavoie who stopped to aide him in Palmer during a recent fender bender. Mr. Richard reminded all residents of the water restrictions throughout the summer and also a reminder about the fireworks on August 18th at Quaboag.

Next Regular Meeting Date: July 24, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi - unanimous at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk