

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JULY 16, 2019
TOWN OFFICES 215 NORTH MAIN ST

The meeting was called to order by Dale Kiley at 6:00PM, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp also present.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve General Warrant# 1066 for \$85,992.22. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the 7/9/19 Selectmen's meeting. So voted.

Committee reappointments-still working on getting updated lists of committees. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Michelle Petraitis to the Finance Committee. So voted.

Sewer letter to East Brookfield-Mr. Kiley read a letter from the Sewer Department to start talks with the Town of East Brookfield about connecting a portion of the town to the North Brookfield system. Dale will write a letter to the East Brookfield Board of Selectmen and attach Mr. Nyberg's letter to see if there is interest in moving forward. Mr. Tripp questioned if we could hook up more residents in North Brookfield but Mr. Petraitis explained it would be easier and more cost effective to go into East Brookfield. The system needs more users because of the recent upgrade.

61A- Mr. Kiley abstained from voting on the 61A waiver for the Laird land on New Braintree road. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to waive the town's right of first refusal. So voted. Mr. Kiley notarized the document.

Fire Department Lease-The fire department needs a new Rescue 1 vehicle. Cost to replace broken engine would be \$75,000.00 but the truck is nearly 25 years old with many other issues. We'll have issues with insurance as the truck gets older (may only be covered for a year). It has been almost 20 years since the town bought a new engine, besides with grant money. New engine would be less expensive model, approx. \$70,000 cheaper than buying new. Company will hold the vehicle for 2 weeks until a special town meeting can be held and voted on.

Special Town Meeting-A special town meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Aug 6th @ 6:30 PM to discuss and vote on new fire engine, turn out gear lease, and transferring money from the school (money placed for new phone system but school received a grant covering the cost).

Dale to approach Greengold about money they are supposed to be paying to the Town. Also, Ashley will look into Techo Bloc's agreement with the Town and to see if taxes are being paid, and what deal they are getting.

Common Lighting-Dale talked to Danny Roman about the lighting on the town common. Dale recommended shutting off the lights on the field and having a switch available to turn on when necessary. Also told Danny to speak to National Grid about getting LED lights which are less expensive. Danny also discussed a concrete bunker that is no use to the playground because it holds moisture and ruins gear being stored in there, it's also a hazard because kids jump off. Dale told him to check with the PD, HD, and FD to see if they'd have any use for it. If not feel free to get rid of it. There's a resident on the end of St. Clair Ave that is piling up wood on the common property. Dale told Danny to ask the resident to remove it in 10 days. If resident doesn't cooperate the BoS will step in and take care of removal after notice. Dale reminded Danny of their budget and suggested changing or repairing at least 1 piece of equipment/property a year. A broken seesaw will be removed and Danny will be fixing the merry go round (with the help of the highway department).

High school Path Lighting-Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to turn on the lights for the high school path. So voted. Lights should be listed under Bradshaw St. John will check to see if the school controls the lights and if so have them turn them on.

The BoS discussed posting for the Admin Assistant position, post notices in the Spencer New Leader and Quaboag Current, as well as the Town's website. Position to be 25 hours a week, salary of \$29,000 a year. Must have strong computer skills, interpersonal skills, organizational skills, and a familiarity with working for a municipality. Ashley to look up similar job descriptions and put something together.

Dale Kiley moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Earnest
Interim Administrative Assistant