

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JUNE 18, 2019

Chairman Kiley called the meeting to order at 6:02PM in the Town Offices with Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp also present.

Sheila Orsi from the Downtown Development Committee was present to discuss the CMRPC Complete Streets schedule and get approval for the next payment of \$16,148.81. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the payment. So voted.

Request for transfer of \$300.00 from unemployment account to medicare account was submitted by Anne Jeannette. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve. So voted.

RAIL TRAIL

Tasse's paid the \$1000.00 matching donation.

A settlement/lease agreement was discussed and terms defined. Lessee has 5-year lease options structured as follows: First 5 years at \$200 per year, second 5 years at \$300 per year, third 5 years at \$400 per year and last 5-year period at \$500 per year (max 20-year lease). Terms to renew lease at 5 year intervals are that the lessee must be in good standing, i.e. not in default of payment or contract. Lessee must not place any further encroachments on property, must not interfere or block use of trail. Lessee will have 30 days to remove any encroachments to land before the Town has the right to end the term of the lease, reenter and clear any debris or encroachment. The Town can also repossess land if lessee is 10 days late on payment. Mr. Kiley will be forwarding the agreement to lessee's lawyer for review and signature.

LIBRARY

Budget was previously discussed and an agreement made to raise employees' salary to minimum wage. Tom needs something approving this. Email from Dawn signed by the BOS. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve budget change. So voted.

DISCUSSION WITH SEWER DEPARTMENT

James Nyberg, Charlie Haddock and Don Smith were in attendance to discuss 3 topics with the BOS.

1. \$10,000.00 agreement between Sewer Department and Water Department was made in early 2000's based on the Water Departments use of water, the budget, and a study showing water use at the time, to be renewed in 3 year increments. In 2006 a study was done showing the water departments use of pump station was significantly more than anticipated. A meter was supposed to have been

installed for the Sewer department to monitor but was either never done or they were not given access to it. James handed out spreadsheets showing the flow rates for 2006 and 2019. Sewer department would like to make the contract null and void at this 3-year renewal period. Mr. Kiley asked James to submit his concerns in writing so that Mr. Kiley can approach the water department.

2. James discussed the possibility of offering other towns (East Brookfield and West Brookfield) use of our sewer systems based on their capacity. Extending service in East Brookfield to 308 Lakeside and potentially around Lake Lashaway, and in West Brookfield to the Elementary school, could increase revenue and make use of our system. Mr. Kiley, Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp discussed issues and thoughts on mandatory payments and tying in to the sewer, possible ways to make the financial burden easier on residents who've recently installed a septic system, and bylaws having to be put in place about the issue. Mr. Kiley asked James to write up a letter proposing this idea to the Board of Selectmen, as well as the towns of East Brookfield and West Brookfield. Mr. Kiley will review the letter and write one himself to start talks with these towns. Charles mentioned a study done in the early 2000's that came in at 2.5 million dollars to extend the sewer system in to East Brookfield, as well as studies showing the types of lots and septic systems (leech fields) in use by residents on Lake Lashaway.
3. James wanted to discuss an issue with union contract and an employee at the Sewer department. Employee went from 30 hours to 35 hours to include extra work, but employee is getting 38 hours every other week to accommodate their meetings. It was discussed that the 3 hours should be included in the 35-hour work week and the employee should use "compensation time" to account for the difference.

TOWN HALL

John discussed getting a lift for next week to continue work on the exterior of the Town Hall. Friends of the Library cannot rent the lift because they are a committee and cannot carry insurance, but can make a donation to cover the cost. John to see if Highway can rent the lift.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn at 7:15PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Earnest
Interim Administrative Assistant