

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MAY 2, 2017

Mr. Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6 PM with Mr. Kiley and Mr. Petraitis also present.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to nominate Mr. Hevy as Chairman. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to nominate Mr. Kiley as Vice-Chairman. So voted. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to nominate Mr. Petraitis as Clerk. So voted.

Mr. Hevy welcomed Mr. Petraitis to the Board. Mr. Petraitis thanked everyone who voted at the Town Election, and thanked Mrs. Walter for her time on the Selectboard.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **April 18, 2017**

Approval of these minutes will be deferred until the next meeting.

- **April 25, 2017**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Petraitis abstaining.

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1052 for \$63,027.88**
- **General Warrant #1053 for \$225,315.08**
- **Payroll Warrant #23 for \$284,864.49**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned warrants. So voted.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Review of FY18 Budgets/Balance sheet

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen are continuing to review the FY18 budgets submittals, but the budget still shows a \$460,000.00 deficit.

B. Adjust inspectors' revenue projections

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve a 25% reduction in the revenue projections for the Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, and Safety Inspector. So voted. (Attachment #1) This is because starting in FY18 the inspectors will be paid 25% of the fees that they collect.

C. Transfer requests

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following transfers: \$2,000.00 from the Police Gasoline Account to the Police Overtime Account
\$1,950.00 from the Police Salary Account to the Police Overtime Account
\$2,000.00 from the Police Clerk Account to the Police Overtime Account

\$1,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Single Audit Account
\$1,205.00 from the General Insurance Account to the Technology Account
So voted. (Attachment #2)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review motions for May 5th ATM

The Selectmen reviewed draft motions for Friday's Annual Town Meeting. (Attachment #3) Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the motions. So voted. All of the articles dealing with the budget will be postponed until June 23rd.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for one-day liquor license

Mr. Hevy reviewed an application from the Friends of the COA asking for a One-Day Beer and Wine license for their annual dinner dance on May 19th. (Attachment #4) Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the permit. So voted.

B. Town House alarm estimate

Mr. Hevy reviewed an estimate from Brown Electric to upgrade the fire alarms at the Town House for \$1,820.00. (Attachment #5) Leslie can fund half of this through the Town House budget, and the rest through a transfer from General Insurance. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded a motion to approve the work. So voted.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Reminder, Annual Town Meeting is Friday at 7:30 PM

Mr. Hevy reminded residents that the Annual Town Meeting will be held Friday night at 7:30 PM in the Elementary School Auditorium.

B. Representative Berthiaume will be in North Brookfield on May 16th

Mr. Hevy announced that Representative Donald Berthiaume will be at the Senior Center on May 16th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

C. Haston Library May Festival

Mr. Kiley announced that the annual May Festival sponsored by the Haston Library will be held this Saturday, May 6th from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be crafters, music, and a plant swap.

D. EQLT Raffle tickets for sale

Mr. Petraitis read an announcement from the East Quabbin Land Trust that they are selling raffle tickets that will award prizes every day in June. The proceeds will be used to build a garage.

E. Water main flushing to begin May 2nd

Mr. Hevy read a memo from the Water Department that they will be flushing water mains beginning May 2nd until May 20th. The daily schedule will be posted on the department's Facebook page.

VII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- See attached list

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **The public has the opportunity to briefly comment through the Chairman, with a two-minute limit.**

Claudette Marshall of 39 Gilbert Street said that back in January she requested a “blind person” sign near her home, but it hasn’t happened yet. The Selectmen said that they will refer this to the new Highway Superintendent.

John Tripp of Crooks Road was present to say that he believes some of the sites proposed for town-owned solar projects are protected and cannot be built upon, according to information in the Town’s Master Plan. Mr. Kiley noted that the Master Plan is not a legally binding document. Mr. Tripp said that he objects to all of the solar projects on town land. He said that he hopes to bring a petition to the next Selectmen’s meeting. Mr. Hevy noted that the projects will be a source of badly needed revenue to the town, and have already been discussed several times over the past year or so at public meetings, and have been approved by voters at a town meeting. Resident Sue Lyons said that she too, is not in favor of the projects because she believes the sites will be totally cleared of trees.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 7 PM Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

PROJECT STATUS AND PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN’S AGENDA ITEMS

PROJECT

NBDDP/Aztec

**Solar contracts on Municipal Property
Purchase Orders**

STATUS

**Planning Final Remediation
Quaboag Compiling info on
Property Use**

**Negotiating leases
pending**

Creation of Financial Advisory Committee

Personnel policies

98 Shore Road

Electric aggregation

Community Compact projects

**Ask about COG (Insurance etc.)
surrounding Towns**

Financial Forecasting

Capital Planning

CMRPC/Regional Shared Services

IT Grant

Town House restoration project

(June)

Bates Observatory

pending

in progress

pending

pending

How to approach

Final report delivered

Final report due April 15

in progress

in progress

FOTH Capital Campaign

Awaiting Grant Results

BAY PATH Logo Contest

Use Renderings Complete

pending