

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MARCH 19, 2015

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Office with Mr. Hevy and Mrs. Walter. Also present was Treasurer Anne Jannette.

I. FY2016 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mrs. Jannette updated the Board of Selectmen on the Insurance Advisory Committee recommendation. (Attachment #1) At a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee held on March 10, 2015 the members voted to recommend to the BOS a one year renewal with Fallon Health Plan. This year's renewal has been particularly difficult as the first quote with the current plan design had a 25% increase. We then requested quotes from Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, BCBS and a revised quote from Fallon with plan design changes. Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts declined to give us a quote. BCBS submitted a proposal with deductibles and copayments that were higher than the revised submission from Fallon Health. After reviewing our limited options, the Insurance Advisory Committee recommends a renewal with Fallon Health that will include benefit modifications. There will be yearly deductibles and higher copayments. The original 25% increase will be reduced to approximately 11.5%. The most significant change is a \$250/\$500 dollar deductible. All copayments had a \$5-\$10 increase, along with added copayments for imaging, inpatient and outpatient hospital stays. Fallon Health will set up informational sessions for the School and Town employees during the open enrollment period in April.

Mrs. Walter moved to approve the Insurance Advisory Committee's recommendation letter dated 3/11/15 for a one year renewal with Fallon Health Plan. Mr. Hevy seconded, so voted.

II. NORTH BROOKFIELD PDA PROJECT

Eric Smith, Principal Planner with Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) reviewed the Scope and Time Budget for the Priority Development Area study, (Attachment #2) and reviewed the district map with the Board of Selectmen to make sure that we were all in agreement with the plan. The Selectmen advised Mr. Smith that we are pursuing some leads in the development of the Downtown Development Property, and that there will be a zoning change going to town meeting to rezone North Main Street from the old Mobil Station to Oakham Road at Second Chance Animal Shelter.

The Board of Selectmen and Mr. Smith then walked North Main Street from Jim's Pizza to the library, outlining the various activities that could happen or recent vacancies. Due to bad weather the Selectmen agreed to allow Mrs. Walter to drive Mr. Smith to the rest of the locations.

There being no further business, at 5:45 PM, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Hevy
Board of Selectmen Clerk