

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2017

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mr. Kiley was not present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **October 3, 2017**
- **October 10, 2017**
- **October 10, 2017 Executive Session**

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

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1016 for \$92,129.04**
- **General Warrant #1017 for \$87,319.33**
- **Payroll Warrant #8 for \$312,227.96**

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these warrants. So voted.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Certification of New Growth

Mr. Hevy noted that the Town's New Growth has been certified by the Department of Revenue at \$96,536.00.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to hire new Highway employee

Highway Superintendent Jason Benoit introduced Ron Barrows as his choice for the new CDL Driver/Laborer. Mr. Benoit noted that Mr. Barrows has been working part-time for the department, and will now go to full-time at a rate of \$17.72 per hour. Mr. Barrows stated that he grew up in North Brookfield, and has owned his own business for 25 years. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve the appointment effective immediately. So voted.

B. Request to hire new Sewer employee

Sewer Superintendent Rodney Jenkins introduced Eric Cardenas as the new Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Jenkins noted that he and the commissioners interviewed 4 applicants; 3 had Grade 5 licenses, and Mr. Cardenas has a Grade 6, which is the highest. Mr. Cardenas stated that he currently works in Spencer, and is looking forward to starting in North Brookfield. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve the appointment effective October 30th. So voted.

C. Fire Department monthly report

Fire Chief Joe Holway gave an update on what has been happening with the department since he took over September 1st. (Attachment #1) Chief Holway also presented an organizational chart of the department. (Attachment #2) Chief Holway noted that the Gregoire family of Rufus Putnam Road presented the relief association with a 60" TV in appreciation for the department's work fighting a fire at the Gregoire home. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

D. Highway monthly report

Highway Superintendent Benoit reviewed his departmental report for August and September. (Attachment #3) Mr. Benoit reported that he has split his crew in order to accomplish more work. He hopes to start his paving projects this week.

Mr. Hevy noted that there is vegetation that grows up at the Aztec property. It is all taken care of for this year, but going forward he would like the Highway Department to maintain it. Mr. Benoit indicated that it could be done. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

E. Request for bass tournament

Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Ray Lentine of Oxford asking for permission to hold a bass fishing tournament on Lake Lashaway on July 20, 2018. (Attachment #4) Mr. Hevy said that while he has no objections, Mr. Lentine should contact the East Brookfield Selectmen and perhaps even the Lake Association. Mr. Hevy said that he will call Ted Bouley of the East Brookfield Selectmen and also Mr. Lentine. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve pending approval by East Brookfield. So voted.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Last day to register to vote at Oct 27th STM

Mr. Petraitis announced that today is the last day to register to vote in the Town Clerk's office until 8 PM in order to be able to vote at the October 27th Special Town Meeting.

B. Hydrant flushing

Mr. Hevy read a memo from the Water Department announcing that they will be flushing hydrants from October 10th through October 28th.

C. Tyler Wolanin office hours

Mr. Petraitis noted that Tyler Wolanin, District Aide to Senator Gobi, will hold office hours in North Brookfield on Tuesday, October 31st from 11 AM to noon at the Senior Center.

D. Trick or Treat hours

Mr. Hevy announced that Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st from 5:30 to 7 PM.

VII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

See attached list

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Hevy announced that the public has the opportunity to briefly comment on agenda items through the Chairman, with a two-minute limit.

Steven and Ruth Fogarty and Frank and Patricia Potter, all of Forest Street, were present to express their concern over the streetlights on Forest Street that were recently turned off. Mr. Hevy noted that any light over a crosswalk was left on. Mrs. Fogarty said that there are no lights in front of the barber shop, Hart's, or the VFW. Mrs. Potter said that she is very worried about the trick or treaters on Forest Street on Halloween. Mr. Hevy said he would speak with the police chief about Halloween, and that the Selectmen would discuss the street light situation.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Roll call: Hevy, yes; Kiley, absent; Petraitis, yes. So voted. Mr. Hevy announced that the Board would exit Executive Session only to adjourn.

At 7:15 PM the Board came out of Executive Session. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy 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

Personnel policies

Electric aggregation

Community Compact projects

Financial Forecasting

Capital Planning

CMRPC/Regional Shared Services

IT Grant

Town House restoration project

Bates Observatory

STATUS

In progress

Pending

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In progress

Pending

Final report delivered

Final report due Oct 30

Final report delivered

Final report delivered

FOTH Capital Campaign

Pending