

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING APRIL 14, 2015**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order in the Town Offices at 6:05 PM with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Hevy also present.

Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell came in to the meeting with Mary Jane Sheldon, and asked that Ms. Sheldon be appointed as an election worker. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to appoint Ms. Sheldon. So voted.

The Selectmen were joined by Sabin Rossi, David Cohen, and Dr. Kevin Kelly of Power Management. Also in attendance were Chet Lubelczyk and Bob Locatelli from the Finance Committee, and Rich Kennan from the Water Department.

Mr. Cohen explained that Power Management is one of the largest energy service providers in the country. They have developed several solar projects on landfills, and are interested in the North Brookfield landfill as a potential site.

Mr. Cohen explained that Power Management offers much more than solar; they can assist in making energy saving recommendations, and encourage the use of other town sites, such as school roofs, when they request bidders for town projects. In order to begin the process, Power Management asks for a non-binding letter of authorization from the town. Power Management will then issue an RFP through the Central Register. Generally they expect a minimum of 7 or 8 bidders on each project they bid.

Mrs. Walter noted that the Selectmen have already identified several locations in town as potential solar sites.

Dr. Kelly stated that Power Management has 22,000 clients in almost every state. He noted that this company uses a holistic approach to saving the town money, and will investigate any potential savings for the town.

Mr. Cohen asked for a copy of the landfill closure plan and any topographical information available. Leslie will ask the Board of Health for these. Mrs. Walter said that the Selectmen have been told that the landfill cap cannot be penetrated, and Mr. Cohen said that there are many other options.

Dr. Kelly reminded the Board that they will be signing a non-binding agreement with Power Management; the Town can cancel the agreement at any time if Power Management does not produce the desired results. In addition, Power Management gets paid by the developer only after a successful installation is built, there will not be any cost to the town.

Mr. Cohen e-mailed a draft letter of authorization to the Board for their review. The Selectmen thanked the men for coming, and promised to get back to them as soon as possible.

There being no further business, at 7:45 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant