

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at the Town Offices on October 22, 2019 at 6:00PM. Mr. Kiley, Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp all present.

Mr. Nyberg was asking about a contact with Symbiont Energy for storage of batteries on the Sewer Department property and whether the money earned would be going to the Town or the Sewer Department. Mr. Kiley stated that since the land was donated to the Town and not specified as land for Sewer the money would go to the Town. Mr. Kiley asked if Mr. Nyberg had any knowledge of when the facility was built, Mr. Nyberg said that he couldn't find an exact date but that it was prior to 1942 because that year the facility was upgraded.

Mr. Kiley stated control of the parcel falls to the Selectmen. Mr. Nyberg will drop off the contract to Ashley for the Selectmen's signature.

Mr. Tripp stated he thought the battery storage units were going on the recycling center property because they are working with Symbiont to get solar panels and the batteries were to store excess energy. Mr. Nyberg stated he didn't think these units were to do with solar, but more with National Grid storing excess energy. Mr. Kiley asked Mr. Tripp to call Chris Olson at Symbiont for clarification.

Mr. Kiley stated that Symbiont would still need to go to the Planning Board for final approval to place the units.

Mr. Kiley went through the list of articles for the November Special Town meeting and corrected some language. He had Tara (Town Clerk) print the warrant, all members of the Board signed the warrant. Tara will have a Constable sign and send a copy to the moderator Jim Caldwell.

Ashley asked the Selectmen about unpaid bills for a particular committee in Town, she has received past due invoices. An executive session is scheduled to discuss this committee.

Ashley asked about getting a contract with CMGeeks for IT support, as all computers in the Town Offices will need a mandatory upgrade before January. Ashley will get a quote from CMGeeks and write up a proposal to upgrade computers.

Ashley received the first electricity bill for the new Town Sign, BoS said to pay out of Town House electricity account for now.

Ashley will post an ad for a new Plumbing inspector as Paul Bouchard is retiring.

Ashley will get more information about Filming Permits in area towns, as she had a question about filming permits in North Brookfield. Mr. Kiley stated that by-laws would need to be written regarding filming if it becomes an issue.

The Recycling Center was awarded a grant. Paperwork was mailed to John Alphin, expect to see a contract soon.

The Selectmen discussed an issue regarding unapproved pay raises. Tom Wilson, Town Accountant, sent Ashley a form that anyone requesting a pay raise would have to get signed by

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to insure the raise was approved. This will prevent Tom from having to do extra work on his end to verify the pay raise.

There being no further business, at 7:03PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre