

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MAY 3, 2016

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Senior Center with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Kiley also present. After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Hevy welcomed Mr. Kiley to the Board. He thanked everyone who voted at yesterday's election, and reminded residents to come to the town meeting on Friday night.

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to nominate Mr. Kiley as Clerk for the Board. So voted.

M. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to nominate Mrs. Walter as Chairman. So voted.

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to nominate Mr. Hevy as Vice Chair. So voted.

Mr. Hevy turned the meeting over to Mrs. Walter.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March 23, 2016**
- **April 19, 2016 #1**
- **April 19, 2016 #2**
- **April 20, 2016 Executive Session**
- **April 26, 2016**
- **April 26, 2016 Executive Session**
- **April 27, 2016 #1**

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

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1051 for \$130,804.95**
- **General Warrant #1052 for \$228,411.39**
- **Payroll Warrant #22 for \$287,830.69**

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **The public has the opportunity to briefly comment on agenda items through the Chairman**

Mrs. Walter announced that anyone attendance would have the opportunity to briefly comment on any of this evening's agenda items.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. FY17 budget update

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen are continuing to review the FY17 budget requests. The deficit is slowly going down. It is a work in progress. The Selectmen and the Finance Committee still need to meet to finalize the numbers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review motions for May 6 Annual Town Meeting

The Board reviewed draft motions for Friday night's Annual Town Meeting. (Attachment #1) The motions were approved as read.

B. Colonial Power Aggregation Plan

This item will be deferred until we hear back from legal counsel.

C. Fire Chief re: new truck

Fire Chief Brad Gannon was present to thank everyone who voted to approve a debt exclusion at yesterday's election for the purchase of a new pumper truck. He reminded everyone that the truck still needs approval at Friday night's annual town meeting. He said that anyone with questions about this should ask him or any firefighter.

Chief Gannon noted that Treasurer Anne Jannette has stated that if the town borrows the money for 7 years it would add approximately \$41 per year for a \$200,000.00 home, and if the funds were borrowed for 10 years it would be around \$30 per year.

The Chief explained that the town's ISO rating affects the homeowners insurance for town's residents. ISO is a regulating agency that decides the rating of each town on a 1 to 10 scale. North Brookfield is a 5. ISO takes into account things like the geographic location of the station and hydrants, and how many gallons per minute the department can pump at a fire. This new pumper truck will help maintain the town's rating.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOH request for Holden Hospital Funds

Mr. Hevy reviewed an e-mail from the Board of Health asking for money from the Holden Hospital Fund to purchase a defibrillator for the recycling center. (Attachment #2) There is currently \$2,875.00 in the account, with another allotment coming in June. The Selectmen discussed purchasing multiple units for the town offices, library, and other locations. There is a possibility that MIIA grant funds could be used for these as well. This will be continued under old business next time.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Water Department Hydrant Flushing

Mrs. Walter read an announcement from the Water Department that they will be flushing hydrants from May 2nd to May 20th.

B. Planning Board hearing notice

Mr. Kiley reviewed a hearing from the Planning Board regarding a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 PM on the application of ZPT Energy Solutions, LLC for a special permit to allow construction of a photovoltaic array at 52 and 62 West Brookfield Road.

C. Reminder for Friday night Annual Town Meeting

Mrs. Walter reminded residents that the Annual Town Meeting will be held this Friday night at 7:30 PM in the Elementary School auditorium. The second part of the debt exclusion to purchase the new fire pumper truck will be on the warrant.

VIII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Walter asked Mr. Hevy and Mr. Kiley to consider going to weekly meetings, at least until after the June town meeting. She will work on a list of current projects, and asked them to do the same.

On the subject of 98 Shore Road, Mrs. Walter explained to Mr. Kiley that the town was approached by a solar developer to purchase this landlocked parcel of town owned land. Mr. Hevy noted that the Finance Committee had suggested selling gravel from the site, but it appears that there is not any gravel there. Mr. Hevy would like to lease the land instead of selling it. Mrs. Walter noted that the town needs to protect the aquifer that is located in that area.

Mr. Hevy said that the website project should be added.

Mrs. Walter asked that the Town House restoration project be added.

Mrs. Walter explained the Lake Lashaway/Great Pond issue to Mr. Kiley.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 7:20 PM Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

**NBDDP/Aztec
Cable license renewal
Solar contracts
Purchase Orders
Creation of Financial Advisory Committee
Personnel policies
Cemetery Road
98 Shore Road
DOR IT recommendations
Electric aggregation
Community Compact
Downtown PDA from CMRPC
Meeting with EB re: Town Beach**