

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JUNE 6, 2017

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Office at 4 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mr. Kiley was not present.

Senior Center Director Diane Nichols joined the meeting to explain why she did not want to cut her budget. She said that she is taking over the duties of the Outreach Coordinator, and she needs 25 hours per week to do this. Mr. Hevy explained the Board's concerns over making her position benefits-eligible. He reminded Ms. Nichols that she said she would assume the outreach duties on a part-time basis until she got the Program Assistant position up and running. Ms. Nichols stated that if she does not get the extra hours then services to the seniors will be reduced.

Ms. Nichols noted that North Brookfield will be losing \$3,000 per year in revenue from East Brookfield and Brookfield that went toward the outreach salary. She noted that she does not need health insurance and would be willing to sign a waiver stating this.

Mr. Hevy said that the Selectmen were not aware that she would going full-time with her hours, and Ms. Nichols said that Mr. Kiley was present at the Finance Committee meeting when she explained her plan. Mr. Petraitis said that the Board would be willing to consider increasing her hours but they need to talk about it first.

Mr. Hevy told Ms. Nichols that the Selectmen wanted to let Town Accountant Nancy Nykiel run the FY18 budget numbers before making a final decision. He said that the Board would get back to her. Ms. Nichols left at 4:45 PM.

Highway Superintendent Jason Benoit joined the meeting to ask again for the Selectmen to consider adding a mechanic position for his department. He believes that this will save the town money in the long run, since the mechanic can do repairs for all of the other departments. He said that \$25 per hour for a mechanic is not a lot of money.

Mr. Petraitis said that the Board agrees that a mechanic would be a good investment, but the Selectmen need to see where the budget numbers come in. Mr. Hevy said that the Board would consider this and get back to Mr. Benoit.

On another issue, Mr. Benoit stated that he met with Farooq from FS Engineering today and they looked at the material down at the salt shed. The engineer stated that the material is considered "ABC" material (asbestos, brick and construction) and if screened it could potentially be used for fill at the Aztec site. Also, material from the gravel pit on Kittredge Road could be used as well.

Mr. Benoit left the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Hevy and Mr. Petraitis discussed a possible meeting with the East Brookfield Selectmen on the 19th.

Mr. Hevy will contact Mr. Caron to try to set up a meeting with representatives from Vibram some afternoon around 4 PM.

There being no further business, at 5:45 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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