

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING DECEMBER 26, 2017

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6:10 PM with Mr. Kiley also present. Mr. Petraitis was not present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December 12, 2017**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted.

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1028 for \$71,484.15**
- **General Warrant #1029 for \$296,941.99**
- **Payroll Warrant #13 for \$322,800.34**

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

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. FY19 Budget Timeline, Policy, and Guidelines

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen sat with the Finance Committee last week and made some modifications to these forms. Mr. Kiley said that he expects that the FinCom should have everything finalized by tomorrow's meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Request for bass tournament

Mr. Hevy is still waiting for feedback from the East Brookfield Board of Selectmen on this item.

B. BOH and Highway re: recycling center plowing

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen and Finance Committee discussed this with the Board of Health last week, and agreed that the Board of Health will fund the plowing from their own budget.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resignation from Police Department

Mr. Kiley read a letter from Joseph Lazarick resigning from his position as a part-time police officer. (Attachment #1) Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to accept the resignation with regret. So voted.

B. Application for Finance Committee

Mr. Hevy reviewed a volunteer application from Tara Hayes for the Finance Committee. (Attachment #2) Mr. Hevy said that the Selectmen will speak with the Finance Committee about this tomorrow evening.

C. Accept donation from EQLT

Mr. Kiley read a letter from the East Quabbin Land Trust donating \$100 to the Town. (Attachment #3) Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to accept the donation for the NBHELPS revolving fund. So voted.

D. Melink Letter of Intent to donate land

Mr. Hevy read a letter from Melink regarding their intent to donate 20 acres of land on North Street for permanent conservation. (Attachment #4) Mr. Hevy asked if Mr. Kiley knew anything about Melink's progress. Mr. Kiley said that he spoke with Mr. Chapman several weeks ago and asked the same question, and was told that Melink has submitted their plans to National Grid, and that there will be another meeting with the Planning Board.

Roger Davis stated that the Town will lose out on tax revenue on the land, and Mr. Kiley said that whatever revenue the Town receives on this land will be far outweighed by the revenue generated by the solar projects.

Cindy Varney said that the land on Crooks Road is also a wildlife habitat.

E. Request from Town Collector

Mr. Hevy read an e-mail from Town Collector Lisa Taylor asking that the rescue squad be contacted to remove items stored in her closet. (Attachment #5) Mr. Hevy said that he will speak with Joe Holway about this.

F. Dupell letter

Resident Peter Dupell read a letter that he wrote to the Board asking them to reconsider and negotiate solar leases on non-forested town land. (Attachment #6) Mr. Hevy said that he would like to forward the letter to Town Counsel before responding. Mr. Kiley said that everything that Mr. Dupell states as fact are disputed facts. There was a lot of money spent on legal counsel to prepare these leases.

Sue Lyons said that she looked at a video of the June 16, 2016 Town Meeting and only 54 people voted but 58 votes were counted. She believes that it is an invalid vote.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. ZBA hearing notice

Mr. Hevy read a hearing notice from the Zoning Board of Appeals that they will be having a hearing on the application of Nicholas Harvey of 41 Grove Street to turn a one family dwelling into a two family on Thursday, December 28th at 7 PM in the Police Station.

VII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

See attached list

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Steve Fogarty asked about the timeline for turning streetlights back on. Mr. Kiley said that the Selectmen did ask National Grid that question two weeks ago and they did not commit to a definite timeline. Mr. Kiley said that the Selectmen will contact National Grid again and ask for a weekly or monthly update.

John Tripp asked why the lights have not been turned on. Mr. Hevy explained that the information has been given to National Grid and we are now waiting for them.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

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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Final report delivered

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FOTH Capital Campaign

Pending