

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MAY 1, 2018

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6 PM with Mr. Kiley and Mr. Petraitis also present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March 27, 2018**
- **April 17, 2018**
- **April 17, 2018 Executive Session**
- **April 24, 2018**

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

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1050 for \$62,841.18**
- **General Warrant #1051 for \$218,785.33**
- **Payroll Warrant #22 for \$308,802.57**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve these warrants. So voted.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

There were no Financial Items.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Report presentation

Mr. Hevy presented the 2017 Annual Town Report to former Sewer Superintendent Rodney Jenkins in recognition of Mr. Jenkins' 30 years of service to the Town.

B. Smith Hanson Road pole petition @ 6:15

At 6:15 PM Mr. Hevy opened the public hearing on the petition of National Grid to install a new pole on Smith Hanson Road. Mr. Rudy Arn, a resident of 90 Smith Hanson Road was present to ask why the pole was being moved. Because there was no representative from National Grid, Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to postpone the hearing to May 15th at 6:15 PM.

C. Requests for appointment to FinCom and ZBA

Mr. Hevy reviewed two applications for appointment from Karen Hubacz-Kiley. (Attachment #1) Ms. Hubacz-Kiley requested appointment to the Finance Committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Hubacz-Kiley said that she has attended Finance Committee meetings and knows the ZBA members personally. She stated that she would like to be of assistance to the Town. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to appoint Ms. Hubacz-Kiley. So voted, with Mr. Kiley abstaining.

D. Request for appointment to Town House Study Committee

This item will be deferred until the next meeting.

E. 61A notification for Ward Street

F. 61A notification for Ryan Road and Lane Ave

Mr. Kiley reviewed both of these letters notifying the Town of the owners' intent to convert land from Chapter 61A agricultural land to commercial solar use. (Attachment #2) Under the law the Town has 120 days to decide whether or not to purchase the land. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission have also received these notifications, and will tell the Selectmen in writing if they have any interest in pursuing this land. These will be kept under Old Business until the Conservation Commission and Planning Board respond, at which time the Selectmen will respond on behalf of the Town.

G. Cable license is expiring

Mr. Hevy read a letter from the Department of Telecommunications and Cable informing the Selectmen that the license with Charter Communications is due to expire on May 4, 2021. (Attachment #3) If the Town wants to use a "formal" renewal process, we must notify Charter 30 – 36 months in advance. It was agreed to add this item to the pending/future items list.

H. Questions re: Disability Commission

Mr. Petraitis reviewed an e-mail from Randi Segatore asking about creating a Disabilities Commission. (Attachment #4) The commission must have between 5 and 9 members, and the majority of members must be persons with a disability. Mr. Hevy noted that if anyone is interested in being on this commission, they should notify the Selectmen.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Town Election will be Monday, May 7th

Mr. Hevy reminded residents that the Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, May 7th from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Senior Center.

B. Town Meetings will be Friday, May 11

Mr. Hevy noted that there will be a Special Town Meeting on Friday, May 11th at 7 PM at the Elementary School, followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30.

C. Hydrant Flushing schedule

Mr. Hevy read a memo from the Water Department that they will be flushing hydrants from May 1st through May 19th.

D. May Festival is Saturday, May 5th

Mr. Petraitis read an announcement from the library that the May Festival will be held on Saturday, May 5th at the library. Local farmers, nurseries, horticulturalists, food crafters, restaurateurs and others will sell their products.

E. Planning Board hearing notice

Mr. Kiley reviewed a notice from the Planning Board that they will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, May 16th on the application of NB Development LLC for the Hanrahan, Brookfield Orchards, and Gustafson properties on Elm Street, Lane Avenue, Ward Street and Ryan Road regarding site plan review and special permits for proposed solar facilities.

F. Dog License reminder

Mr. Hevy reminded residents that dog licenses are now due, and there will be a late fee after June 1st.

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.

Resident Brandon Avery asked if the Town is getting PILOT revenue from all of the solar facilities in Town? He was informed that we are.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

Mr. Kiley told Mr. Hevy that it has been a pleasure working with him, and that he is disappointed that Mr. Hevy is not running for reelection.

Mr. Petraitis thanked Mr. Hevy for his service to the Town on the Fire Department, School Committee, Finance Committee and the Selectmen. Mr. Hevy added that he was also active in the youth sports programs. He thanked the townspeople for their support over the years.

There being no further business, at 6:50 PM Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

PROJECT STATUS AND PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN'S AGENDA ITEMS

PROJECT

Aztec/Mass Dev grant
Solar contracts on Municipal Property
Personnel policies
Electric aggregation
Town House restoration project
Bates Observatory
Disabilities Commission
Cable license renewal

STATUS

Pending
Pending
In progress
Pending
FOTH Capital Campaign
Pending
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