

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING #1 DECEMBER 15, 2015

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 5:00 PM with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Smith also present.

Mrs. Walter related what happened at a December 2, 2015 meeting at the landfill with Michael Hedges of Power Management and John Alphin of the Board of Health. She and Mr. Hedges arrived at the site after Mr. Alphin had toured the landfill with Jim McQuade of DEP. Mr. McQuade was impressed with the transfer station operations, but had some concerns about the landfill cap and the surrounding swales.

Mr. Hedges paid very close attention to what Mr. McQuade said about the condition of the landfill cap as it relates to potentially developing a solar facility on the site. According to Mr. McQuade, the swales and the edge of the cap need cleaning, and water in the swales need to be moving and not stagnant. Mr. Hedges determined that the landfill would not be a suitable site for a solar project at this time because of the time that will be necessary for the Board of Health to make these corrections.

In addition, Mr. McQuade noted an emergency with a private drinking well across the street from the landfill. Mr. Alphin got a phone call on the morning of December 3rd from Mark Baldi of DEP, who then called Mrs. Walter. Mr. Baldi said that the Town had a two hour window to provide drinking water to the Greens at 74 East Brookfield Road. Mrs. Walter made arrangements to have water delivered to the Greens. The Selectmen then reviewed a proposal from Wilcox and Barton to perform Licensed Site Professional Services and on-call Environmental Consulting Services related to the discovery of 1,4Dioxane in monitoring wells at the closed landfill. (Attachment #1) 1,4Dioxane is the chemical that is showing up in the Green's well. According to Mrs. Walter, Mr. Alphin believes that he has these funds available in his Board of Health budget. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to approve and sign the proposal from Wilcox and Barton. So voted.

At 5:25 PM Mr. Hevy called Jake Anderson of the Local Public Access Channel. The Selectmen reviewed a proposal prepared by Mr. Anderson for equipment upgrades to the local cable broadcasting system. (Attachment #2) Mr. Hevy asked if Mr. Anderson had this money within his budget, and Mr. Anderson stated that he does. Mr. Anderson does not expect the project to exceed \$60,000.00, and the LPAC committee will receive a \$60,000.00 bonus when the new contract with Charter Communications is signed. Mr. Smith moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the purchase of up to \$67,000.00 for the project, to be procured according to state bidding procedures. So voted.

At 5:40 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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