

Select-Board Meeting 03-17-2014

Attending meeting: Board members, Julia Simonds, Kathryn Barden, Nancy McVetty

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Julia Simonds at 5:30

Julia Simonds makes motion to nominate Nancy McVetty to become Chairperson.

Seconded by Kathryn Barden.

Motion passed 3/0

Nancy McVetty asks Administrative Assistant to view minutes of last meeting.

Cannot make motion on the minutes.

Motion to accept Juliann Rose as Deputy Tax Collector to Jessie Wentworth.

Seconded by Kathryn Barden

Motion passed 3/0

New business. Theron Barden requests extension of timber permit.

Julia Simonds motions to grant extension.

Seconded by Nancy McVetty

Motion passed 3/0.

Anna Goodbody asks Select Board if there is any information on the interest regarding the TAN notes. Chairperson Nancy McVetty says she has not had time to digest the information she just received. Kevin Whittum expresses to the Select Board his concern regarding the use of Winter lane by snowmobiles. Chairperson McVetty does not see town getting involved in this, does not wish to see snowmobiles on Winter lane. Kevin Whittum thanks Fire Chief Ron Sheltry for his service when coming to his aid and then exits. Continued discussion on snowmobile trails and road use.

Jay McCusker asks the Select Board if there is any need for surveillance. Who is responsible for the cameras. Christine Rouillard expresses the cameras are there for safety and prove innocence. Cathy Fountain explains to Select Board the cameras presence. More discussion on cameras validity and possible misuse in the workplace. Chief Mario Audit explains who is responsible for monitoring. David Spreadbury says he has no problem with the cameras, keeps people honest. Selectperson Kathryn Barden makes motion for cameras to be aimed at windows only, perimeter surveillance, monitors in the Town/Tax collector office and this is not to become an added financial burden to the Town. Chairperson McVetty seconds. Selectperson Julia Simonds opposes saying it is not a hardship or burden.

Motion passed 2/1.

Jay McCusker requests from Select Board an explanation of why legal budget is over budget. Administrative Assistant explains there are litigations with PSNH, Fairpoint, Ampersand and ongoing litigation regarding the previous administration. Select person Kathryn Barden says she has been on the board for a year and has not been made privy to that information. More information to come.

Chairperson McVetty opens conversation regarding an engagement letter with Vachon & Clukay for audits. Wishes to invite Crane & Bell for a presentation, they are CPA and bookkeepers. Need to have that backing. Motion made to invite Crane & Bell by Chairperson McVetty, seconded by Selectperson Barden.

Motion passed 3/0

Chairperson McVetty opens discussion on Bookkeeper. Asks hours worked of Bookkeeper Pamela Kathan who replies Sixteen hours. Chairperson McVetty motions to cap hours to 10 hours per week, more than sufficient for a town this size. Seconded by Selectperson Barden with stipulation that Bookkeeper should ask for more hours if needed.

Motion passed 2/1

Robert Fountain brings concerns to the Select board on minutes of the meetings not getting to website in a timely fashion. Chairperson McVetty responds we are working on this.

Selectperson Barden motions for department heads not to spend unnecessarily until the board finds out where the Town is financially. Chairperson McVetty seconds.

Motion passed 2/1

Fire Chief Ron Sheltry updates the Select board on emergency management plans.

Cathy Fountain brings to the Board her contact with a legal group.

Chairperson McVetty explains that she can only be a liaison to Planning Board, needs to find replacement.

Carol Sheltry requests from the Board to change meeting times. Chairperson McVetty asks if 6:30 is ok with everyone. Selectperson Barden says that at some point the board will only meet the first and third Mondays of the month.

Robert Fountain thanks the board for taking this town in a forward direction.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.

---

Chairperson Nancy McVetty

---

Julia Simonds

---

Kathryn Barden