

**Select Board
Minutes
July 8, 2014**

Town Hall, 7 pm
Terry Allen

Present: Rich, Peter, Julie, Margie, Lisa, JoAnn Mully,

FRCOG Accounting Program

Bob Dean came in at the Select Board's request to discuss the 15% increase in the cost of the Accounting program to the town. Rich told Bob that for FY 15 the Select Board asked all boards and committees to keep their increases level or at least below 2%. Bob explained to the board that the program took on 2 new towns last bringing the total number of towns serviced to 14. He told the board that there was no room in the program for vacation or sick time and that the staff was experiencing burn out. They increased staff hours, hired one full and one part-time employee to loosen up the scheduling. The board asked for Bob's word that an increase like this would not happen again. Bob also told the board that he has asked for an independent management study to be conducted by December. They asked that the results of that study be shared as soon as they are available. They also asked that the consultant meet with Town personnel involved with the program.

The board signed a contract with FRCOG accounting program for this year for \$22,394 and will re-evaluate the cost and services provided during the coming budget cycle.

Business:

The minutes of June 24 were accepted as amended.

Motion: To grant the Telecom Communications Bld. Bid to Renaissance Builders for \$218,662. Vote: 3-0 in favor. The other bid received was from Kurtz for \$317,000. The buildings will be complete by Sept. 1.

Motion: To appoint Gordon Fretwell to the FRCOG as Leverett's representative. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The board agreed to be part of the Mass. Municipal Association and pay the annual dues out of their account.

The letter from Peter Davis was read concerning the spelling/naming of Teawaddle Hill Rd. Lisa will email some members of the Historical Com. and Society then respond to him.

The board gave permission for Wolfree Camp to use the land behind the school again. Margie has insurance info on file.

The Select Board adopted the Mayor's for Peace resolution concerning non-nuclear proliferation. Lisa and Margie will find a place to hang the resolution in the Town Hall.

DOER is offering a technical assistance grant to investigate setting up a solar back-up generator for the safety complex/school area. The solar system would work with the propane generator. The board agreed to pursue the grant.

The board briefly discussed the building systems at the school. Margie and John will follow up suggestions and get the project moving.

Julie gave an Affordable Housing update.

Margie gave an update on the net-metering proposal received from CLean Energy Systems. The Board wants to invite them to a meeting.

The MOU for hauling services at the Transfer Station was signed for the FCSWMD.

Andrea Morris' letter was read. The Board will not respond.

Meeting adjourned: 9:19 pm