

**Select Board
Minutes
October 14, 2014**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Rich, Julie, Peter, Margie, Lisa, David Detmold

Fire Department

The board met with members of the Fire Department and John and Kate Moruzzi, although they were not on the agenda. John questioned the legality of the posting of the Oct. 2 meeting. The meeting was posted as is outlined by the Open Meeting Law and as all other board and committee meetings are posted. The only difference was that Margie made the agenda and posted the meeting instead of Lisa and when Lisa posts meetings she also emails the agendas (which is not required). Kate stated that she was embarrassed for the department because she felt that by what she had read in the paper they had been disrespected by the select board and she thought that the department was owed an apology. There was a lengthy discussion about what is accurately reported in the paper...

There was a general rehashing of the same discussion that has taken place at previous meetings. The board stayed with their decision not to accept John's letter rescinding his letter of resignation as of January 2015.

Business:

The minutes of September 12 and 23 and October 2 were accepted as written.

Motion: To appoint Robert Schimd as Leverett's representative to the FCCIP Board of Directors. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The board decided not to accept the DOER Resiliency Grant recommendation because it seemed like an expensive project with little return value. The board asked Margie to write back and ask for the same sum of money for additional solar instead.

Margie heard from many companies after bidding for electricity. Constellation offered the best price at 11.32 fixed, from November to November. Currently we are paying .08/kwh. John and Margie chose to go with Constellation.

Motion: To appoint Kavern Lewis and Hank Silver to the Fire Department at the suggestion of the Chief subject to satisfactory physicals. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Donna MacNicol has suggested that the Town not allow individuals to return to work on "limited duty" since Leverett is a small town that depends on its few employees to do what the job description outlines. The board had a discussion about whether to create a town policy stating such or deal with it on a case-by-case basis. The board suggested that Margie look at other town's policies and the Personnel Board have a discussion as well. To be revisited.

Motion: To hold Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2015. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Rich gave an update on the assessment methods. Staying with the same method is the decision of the special committee. All towns are happy with that except Shutesbury who will hopefully have a STM in December to see if their voters will ratify it before budget season gets too far along.

Motion: To declare the list of items from the Highway Department surplus and to advertise them with a sealed bid to the highest bidder. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The Special Town Meeting warrant was reviewed.

MSBA closeout: The Town still owes @ \$8,000 in withheld payments. The board requested that that amount be paid.

The board will meet on Monday, November 10 instead of November 11 to avoid Veteran's Day.

Motion: To withdraw from the Central Franklin County Veteran's District and become a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran Services District effective July 1, 2015. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Motion: To appoint Kale Wenczel as a Transfer Station Attendant pending a physical and a work permit. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The board asked Margie to run the advertisement for a Fire Department Chief. The Hiring Committee: Dean Alfange, Judy Weinthaler, Stewart Olson, Steve Sengebush, and Christine Nelson.

The Election Warrant was signed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 pm

Minutes taken by Lisa Stratford.