

**Select Board
Minutes
May 12, 2015**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Peter, Julie, newly elected Select Board member Tom Hankinson, Margie, Lisa

Press from Montague Reporter, Tom Masterton School Committee members: Kip Fonsh, and Bethany Seeger, and (prospective School Com. member) Audra Goscenski

After Town Meeting there was a vacancy on the School Committee. Audra Goscenski volunteered.

Motion: To appoint Audra Goscenski to the School Committee: d'Errico, aye; Shively, aye; Hankinson, aye; Fonsh, aye; Seeger, aye. Audra's term will expire at ATM and she will need to run again if still interested.

Motion: To appoint Robert Schmid as Veteran's Representative. Vote: 3-0 in favor. (Thom Masterton agreed to do this if there is a vacancy in the future.)

Motion: To declare Peter d'Errico Chair of the Leverett Select Board. Vote: 2-0 in favor.

Motion: To declare Julie the Vice Chair of the Leverett Select Board. Vote: 2-0 in favor.

Motion: To appoint Tom Hankinson to the Emergency Management Com. as the Select Bd. representative. Vote: 2-0 in favor.

The minutes of April 28 were approved as written.

The easement, approved at Town Meeting, for Cider Mill Ln. was signed.

The final MSBA paperwork was signed.

Margie gave an update on CPC questions generated by Town Meeting. Funding of the CPC can't be put on hold. It can be reduced or rescinded by Town Meeting vote, then a ballot vote. Julie suggested that the CPC write a comprehensive update on projects the CPC has funded, how it works, how much is in it ect. for the Newsletter. Margie will talk to Danielle.

Margie updated the board on the HCOG offer to the town to buy into a solar installation, yet to be built, for 15% off the town's Eversource bill (Margie estimated that the Town spends \$50-\$60,000/year on electricity). They are looking for credit-worthy, anchor customers for a 20-year commitment. Permitting is almost complete and the site would be on Mill Valley Rd. in Hadley. Some questions remain: how might the 15% bonus change as technology improves over the next 20 years? When is a commitment from the town needed? Margie will follow up.

Recreation Commission:

Diane Crowe and Apple Ahearn came in to discuss an idea for a state grant they'd like to apply for. The town could be eligible for up to \$50,000. They would like to build a pavilion/gazebo in the field between the school and library with a BBQ pit. They would like to ask Conway School of design to design the project and include educational components (like native plantings). They would like to form a partnership with the RGT, Conservation Commission, and Library. The board liked the idea a lot. Apple

and Diane will work with Margie on the grant application. This is a matching grant so the town (possibly CPC money) would also need to contribute. Even if the grant is not acquired the board liked the idea so much they suggested it go the CPC for funding it next year.

Thank you's were signed.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20.

Minutes taken by Lisa Stratford