

Select Board

Minutes

September 8, 2015

Leverett Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Present: Julie S., Peter D., Tom H., Margie M., Lisa S., Ann Tweedy for the Montague Reporter

Jennifer Haggerty

Jennifer Haggerty is the new Union 28 School Superintendent and was invited to come to a meeting to meet the Select Board. Jennifer was a Principal at an elementary school in Orange for 7 years prior to her hiring. She stated that she is interested in building strong, healthy relationships and that she realizes that the Town and school share the same pot of money and looks forward to a transparent relationship with the board.

Will Stratford

Will introduced Paul Boucher to the board. He is the recommended by the Highway Dept. Hiring Committee to replace one of the two members of the department who recently resigned. **Motion: To appoint Paul Boucher to the Highway Dept. pending a satisfactory physical at \$16.50/hour. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

FRTA, Roy Kimmel

Roy reported that there is a House Bill (#3028) pending that would allow town's to belong to more than one transportation authority. The bill is due to be acted upon this fall. Roy is still hoping to influence some route enhancements that would make public transportation appealing to Leverett residents.

Business:

The Town of Montague did not respond to Leverett's request to meet regarding the bridge on N. Leverett Rd. that is causing a detour onto Cave Hill Rd. which has a problematic intersection for large vehicles. The Town is reluctant to spend any money on the intersection at this time.

Margie informed the board that the Community Preservation Commission has had 3 resignations. One from the Historical Commission, one from the Conservation Commission and one at-large which is the Select Board's purview. Peter suggested Ann Tweedy replace Roy Kimmel, the at-large member. **Motion: To appoint Ann Tweedy to the Community Preservation Commission. Vote: 3-0 in favor.** (Ann was present to accept).

Tom Hankinson volunteered to be the liaison for the Safety Complex. He will check in periodically with department heads to see how things are going.

Tom will do Ananda Larsen's six month review.

The hiring committee for the new Tax Collector/Treasurer asked for input for the new employee. The job is posted for 32 hours per week. Only some of those need to be posted to "open to the public." The board suggested at least one, preferably two evenings per week and a total of 16 hours a week.

John Kuczek has water-related licenses that are up for renewal and wanted to know if the board would like him to be recertified. There would be some class hours and relicensing fees associated. There is a public water supply at the school which the school has been paying an outside contractor to monitor. If John was relicensed he could take over the management of the water supply and the board asked Margie to find out if that would save the town money.

There were a couple of complaints about airplane noise in N. Leverett this weekend. Margie will forward the letter from the FAA from last year and let the complainants decide if there is a violation.

Aaron Osbourne is the new finance director at Union 28. He has some concerns about revolving funds at LES. Margie will advise him to take up those concerns with the School Committee.

Margie reported that the Community Compact she recently completed has been tied to MASSWORKS funding.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm
Minutes recorded by Lisa Stratford