

**Select Board
Minutes
March 8, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Julie S., Peter D., Tom H., Margie M., Lisa S., Gordon F., reporter

Roy Kimmel

Roy updated the board on the regional transit situation. House Bill 3028 is pending, submitted by Steve Kulik. In the meantime Roy has had a conversation with David Dan about the volunteer driver program they use in Shutesbury. Roy is concerned that seniors in Leverett may need help getting to appointments. Uber was also mentioned.

Business:

The minutes of Feb. 23 were approved as amended.

Julie reported that the regionalization issue will wait another year. She also updated the meeting on the options to fund the regional budget.

Motion: To hold Annual Town Meeting on April 30. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The Select Board decided to hold their meetings every other week instead of the 2nd and 4th weeks in order to keep in step with signing the warrants. The April meetings will be the 5th and 19th.

Julie volunteered to conduct Jason's 5 month review.

Motion: To appoint Laurie Brown to the Community Preservation Commission. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Tom spent some time reviewing the issues around the Shutesbury Rd. intersection. He had a Google Earth aerial view of the intersection and reviewed who has the right-of-way. His best suggestion was for two yield signs for folks going down and up Shutesbury Rd. The issue of sliding down Shutesbury Rd. straight through the intersection was raised as a problem. The question remained of whether the town could put up yield signs without state permission.

The board told Margie that they are willing to grant an easement to the property at 168 North Leverett Rd. so a septic system can be put across the road. The property owner will pay all related expenses. Margie will email Board of Health and Michael Grant.

Motion: To give Ethan Dickinson a .50/hour raise retroactive to his 6 month anniversary. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The board signed a 1-year contract for accounting services with the FRCOG.

Margie reported that Barbara Tiner had an update from the pipeline coalition and that Montague has been approved as an intervener for the pipeline. Barbara was also looking for funding to help pay for Montague's intervention. She may also have some bylaw changes to protect roads. Board advised she needs to present money or bylaw information soon.

A wood pellet bag shed grant was signed. The board would like Ananda to look into the overall fee schedule for the Transfer Station to ensure that it is maintaining its self-funding status.

The board signed a letter of support for Community Preservation Funds for the Cemetery Association application.

A reserve fund transfer was signed for the Select Board account.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Minutes taken by Lisa Stratford