

Selectboard

Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2106

Town hall

7:00 p.m.

Present: Peter d'Errico, Julia Shively, Tom Hankinson; Administrator Margie McGinnis, Thom Masterton and Montague Reporter

DOER Technical Assistance Grant

The Selectboard met with Alissa LaRose from the FRCOG planning department to discuss the FRCOG applying on behalf of Leverett for DOER Technical Assistance (TA) funds to help Leverett apply for a future round of green communities grant funds. The town is eligible for \$5,000 and would like to apply for a future solar installation with the grant funds. The Board signed an MOU authorizing the FRCOG to apply for the TA funds. The town is under no obligation to pay the FRCOG should the TA funds not get awarded.

Aging in Place

Thom Masterton reported to the Board on his attendance at Aging in Place meetings in Shutesbury. The Council on Aging has not discussed it yet, but it is a mostly grass roots effort to provide the services needed for elders to stay in their homes. A parent organization has formed that Thom thinks Shutesbury may join. Leverett may also be included. Board asked him to let them know what COA thinks.

Business:

Motion made to approve the minutes: Vote 3-0 in favor

Residential electricity aggregation was discussed. Margie is prepared to get concrete bid numbers from the two vendors, but wants to know a rule for award and what to label the levels of green electricity. Board liked labeling the three levels Options 1, 2 and 3 and to stress the importance of flexibility in working with the town and green options as well as cost as an award measure. Margie will finish and distribute.

Margie is still waiting for the housing authority to meet to review the Amherst water line project. The Community Development Strategy still needs updating.

Some revised FY 2017 appointment slips were signed.

Margie gave an update on the highway garage construction. Despite all efforts to avoid a last minute worry about funds, the structural piece added by the engineer may exhaust the budget. Removing the tops of the chimneys may save some funds and how much the historical consultant adds also is a question mark. Board advised to contact several consultants to get competitive prices for that service and to try to see how much the construction will cost.

Three bids were received for the acquisition of spare fiber to be available when repairs are needed. Motion made to award the purchase to Graybar Electric as low bidder for \$32,278.56. Voted: 3-0 in favor. Fiber will be purchased from build funds as we should have had spare fiber leftover from the build.

Motion made to appoint officials as listed on the 2016 appointments list, attached. Voted 3- 0 in favor. Board would like Lisa to contact current officials to solicit additional representatives to the FRCOG.

FRCOG letter about a regional highway making sign program was read, will be given to Highway Supt.

Mayor's for Peace membership fee was discussed. Was paid last year, but processing the check was too expensive, so they returned it. They request an online payment this year. Margie can do it with her credit card and get reimbursed. Board authorized double 2017 payment since 2016 was returned.

Margie repeated a complaint from Clayton Price about Leesa Crocker's animals. Board asked Margie to check in with Jim Hawkins about enclosure enforcement and to call Mike Katz about animal complaint.

Mail was read.

Meeting adjourned ta 8:20 p.m.