

**Select Board
Minutes
September 20, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Peter d., Julie S., Tom H., Margie M, Lisa S., Rob from MR

IT Committee

The Select Board met with the IT Committee (Richard N., Rob B., George D.) to discuss the implementation of parts of the IT Plan. The town has been using Tim Haas as a consultant. Tim will be writing a report about what changes need to happen and the committee will need to decide in what order to do them and how to pitch the changes to the town at ATM in language that everyone understands and to help with the budgetary presentation. Some of the changes are: cameras for Public Safety Complex, cyber-security, networking, off-site back up, email archiving, staffing suggestions.

While the IT Committee was present Margie informed the board that the school was told by the providers of their e-rate discount, that in order to keep the wireless on in the gym and cafeteria it was going to cost an additional \$4,809. Both boards thought that outrageous and asked Margie to tell Margot that the town can do that for a lower cost in a town-wide system, once public wi-fi is integrated.

Business:

The work at the Old Highway Garage is coming along; the Board picked out roofing shingles. It was determined that sealer for the concrete blocks is not necessary. There will be some cost savings from that so the board decided to use the extra money to replace the old cement patch with blocks on the corner of the building.

The Board of Health is partnering with UMASS to implement a tick testing program the BoH is giving \$500 to off-set the cost of a tick test; the Select Board offered to give an extra \$100 to off-set the cost so that an additional 20 residents can be given the reduction.

**Motion: To donate \$100 to from Select Board expenses to off-set the cost of additional tick testing.
Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

The board felt that Coke Kiln Rd. Bridge can't wait for state money to be approved. The board would like to use Chapter 90 money to complete the bridge which may take 1 ½ yrs. They will ask David to find strength certified wood, consult with an engineer, complete the bridge and have the beavers up stream trapped. Additionally they would like the bridge by Elliot Sherman's house to be put on the state's small bridge grant list (if it is 20' or less).

Margie sent out CDBG income surveys to those affected by the water issues at the base of the landfill. Margie spoke with Amherst and they wanted to allay fears about drought issues. They (Amy and Guilford) meet regularly with the new Town Manager. Margie will send the Pelham agreement for the water line as a template for an agreement with Amherst.

FRCOG asked if the Town would be interested in hiring a regional housing coordinator with CPA funds. The board would like to see a more detailed job description and felt that the description given closely

matches what is already happening in Leverett with the Affordable Housing Program making this seem redundant.

Safety Day for the school is October 20. The school will practice evacuating to several sites. The Town Hall is one.

The Fire Department's 1988 surplus vehicle is being advertised for sale.

Julie will write the article for the October Newsletter.

The school is not interested in organizing the Harvest Festival and neither is Tanya. Lisa spoke with Edie who feels that a person organizing is not needed; it will simply happen out of habit. Lisa will email John to see if the Fire Dept. is planning breakfast and ask David if he would like to bring a piece of equipment for the kids to see.

A grant was signed for DEP for a small initiative grant and \$2400 in returns for recyclables.

A note for borrowing \$700,000 for operating expenses was signed.

A reserve fund transfer was signed.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm